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Thanksgiving holiday.



Police Arrest Pair For Housebreaks; Out On Bail Pending Grand Jury

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In the wake of a rash of housebreaks in the River Road area, the Police Department is asking residents to be alert to anyone acting suspiciously and to report any unusual activity in their neighborhoods to police.

According to Police Department spokesman Detective Wayne Macey, there have been 10 incidents of breaking into homes and cars in the past month in the southern section of town near River Road and Main Street. All of the breaks occurred in mid-afternoon. In each case, no one was at home at the time.

Two Agawam men have been arrested and charged in connection with two of the break-ins.

Anthony Dimatteo, 19, of 1065 Main Street, and Christopher Theriaque, 18, of 55 Lawnwood Street, have been released on bail awaiting indictments from the grand jury.

The pair was taken into custody October 25th after being observed breaking into a Florida Drive residence by police detectives Daniel Ciak and Anthony Malone.

Alerted To Suspicious Behavior

Acting on a tip from an off duty police officer who had observed the two men acting in a suspicious manner, Ciak and Malone followed the suspects and watched from a nearby wooded area as they broke into the Florida Drive home.

When the two men emerged from the house carrying guns allegedly taken during the burglary, they were arrested by the detectives with the assistance of Patrolman James Lewis. The guns were reported not loaded at the time of the arrest.

According to Macey, the two suspects had been arrested two weeks before in connection with another housebreak in Agawam.

Dimatteo and Theriaque were charged with receiving stolen property after a routine check of

area pawn shops turned up their names attached to jewelry taken from a house on Trinity Terrace.

Public Needs To Be Observance

As the investigation into the break-ins continues, Macey said, "We've got to get the public to start to notice things and to start being the eyes and ears of the Police Department. We can't be everywhere all the time."

Macey said calls to 911 or the police station can be placed anonymously.

"We will not use their names," Macey said. "All people have to do is give us a small piece of information and we'll take it from there."

Macey said people should be looking for anything unusual, such as kids walking around a neighborhood when they should be in school or someone at a neighbor's back door at a time when no one is at home.

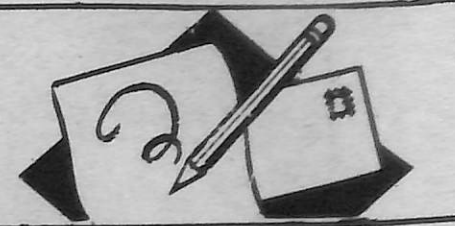
Macey cautioned that individuals desperate enough to break into homes in broad daylight should be considered dangerous. Anyone returning home who suspects a break-in should immediately go to a neighbor's house and call the police.

"Dial 911 and we'll be there in seconds," Macey said. "We don't want anyone to get hurt."

As a common sense precaution, people should be sure their windows and doors are locked when they are not at home. Macey added, "It's not a bad idea to keep your doors locked when you're at home, too."

"If you are looking out for your neighbors, they'll be looking out for you," Macey said. "That will expand the police department by about 28,000 people."

Property taken in the recent break-ins is estimated in the thousands of dollars.



Letters To The Editor

Polish-American Club Thanked For Helping ESL Students

To The Editor:

The English as a Second Language department is happy to announce that they have received a stipend of \$329.85 from the Polish-American Club of Agawam to buy new books and learning materials for ESL students.

We would also like to thank the Polish-American Club for their generosity.

Steve Ross
ESL Teacher

Junior High School, Middle School

Best Wishes To Those Losing Homes Due To Route 57

To The Editor:

I wish the best of everything to the people in Agawam who will lose their homes and businesses to the extension of Route 57 to the Southwick line!

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Let's Give Thanks To God This Thanksgiving Season

To The Editor:

Let us give thanks to God this Thanksgiving Day for living in the greatest nation on this earth!

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
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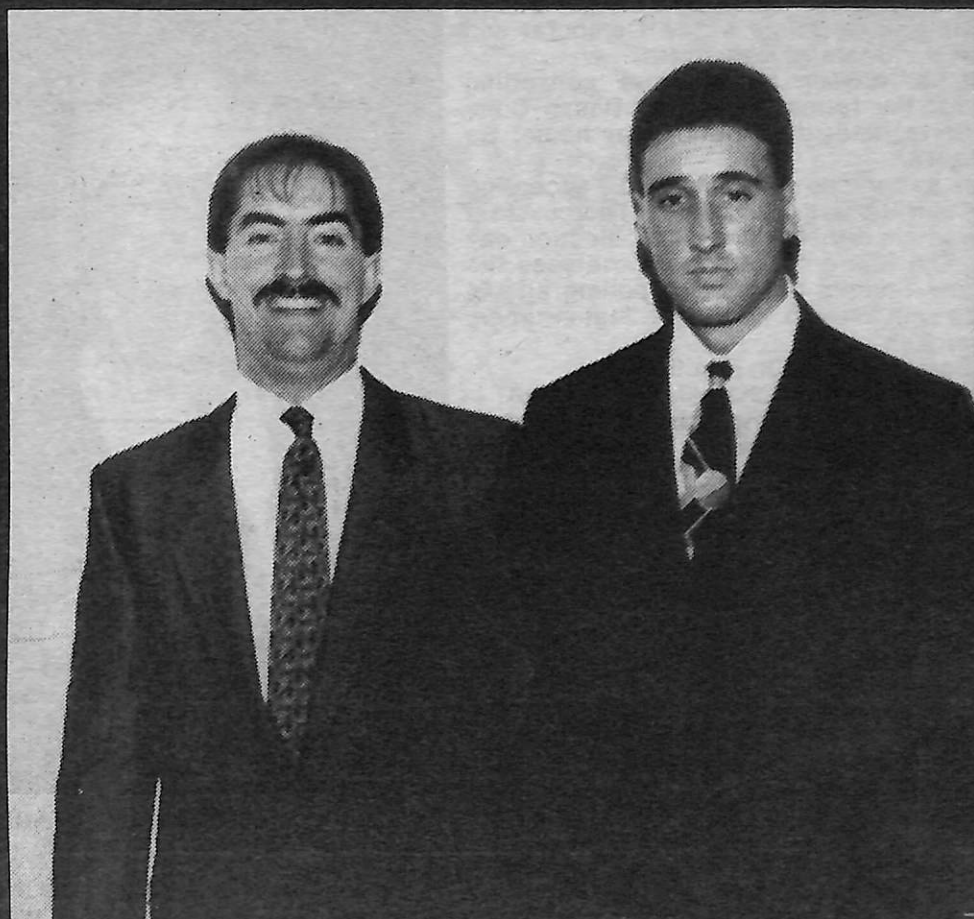
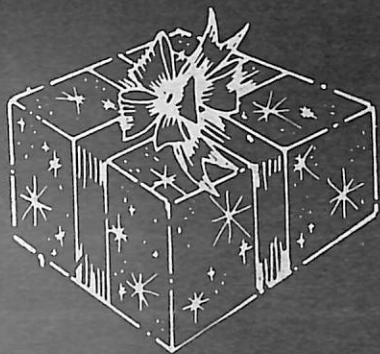
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Agawam Obituaries...

Town Will Sorely Miss Long-Time Civic & Political Leader Ray Charest

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Conspicuous by his absence from the election scene in Agawam on Tuesday, November 8th was Raymond E. Charest of 57 Hastings Street, Feeding Hills, a long-time active Democrat and member of the Board of Registrars.

Charest, a 48-year liaison and consulting engineer for the former American Bosch Company of Springfield, died Sunday at home. He retired in 1978.

"He was and will be sorely missed," according to Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux. Theroux said Charest was his right-hand man on election day for years. The Board of Registrars oversees the election and Charest drove from polling site to polling site with Theroux during the State Primary on October 20th.

Sorely Missed On Election Day

But after the primary, Charest was stricken with a serious illness and never recovered. One of four members of the Board of Registrars (Mary Turner, Ronald Bennett, and Theroux), Charest was indeed sorely missed on one of the busiest election days in history on November 8th. The board last week pulled an extra sheet from a voting machine and wrote "get well" messages on it for a man who had become a fixture in Agawam's civic and municipal affairs.

Town Hall staff people also wrote their sentiments to show their admiration and support of Charest and his family.

Charest was born in Springfield and graduated from Springfield Schools and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

A 51-year resident of Agawam, Charest was one of the founding members and a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, was a member of the church council, and a former member of its Men's Club. He was a member and former grand knight of the Agawam Knights of Columbus.

Charest's list of accomplishments in town governmental affairs was a long one. He was elected as a member of the town's Board of



RAYMOND E. CHAREST

Selectmen in an at-large race where only three members of the community were elected and charged with the responsibility of running the community with the Town Meeting. He was also a Town Meeting member and a long-time member of the Democratic Town Committee.

Along with the Board of Registrars, he was blue ribbon committee member, Senior Citizen Housing Committee, Senior Citizens' Center Building Committee, and on three school building committees.

He was a former police commissioner. His final efforts on behalf of physically building a better community came when he served as secretary to the Agawam Police Building Committee and served as clerk of works for the renovation of the former Peirce School. The school, which educated thousands of children in the community, was turned into the new headquarters of the Agawam Police Department.

Named Outstanding Citizen Twice

He was named Agawam's Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1985 and was named UNICO's Man of the Year in 1993.

He was also a member of the Agawam Lions Club and Agawam-West Springfield Lodge Of Elks.

He first wife, Rita (DeLoria) Charest, died in 1974. He leaves his wife, Lauretta (Beauregard) Wagner Charest; six sons, Robert of Glendale, Arizona; Leonard of West Springfield; Donald of Agawam, associate superintendent of the Agawam Public Schools; James, William, and Thomas Wagner of West Springfield; and a daughter, Susan (Wagner) Keleher of Falmouth.

He also leaves two brothers, Albert of Louisville, Kentucky, and Armand of Agawam; three sisters, Lena White of Springfield, Clarabel Bachand of Ludlow, and Edna May LaFleur of Agawam; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Another son, Dr. Robert Wagner, died November 6th.

The funeral is on Wednesday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 570 Cottage Street, Box 51946, Springfield, 01151.

Timothy J. Bennett

Timothy J. Bennett, 32, of Parmerton Drive, Endicott, New York, an employee of Loral Corp. in Oswego, died in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He worked previously for Martin Marietta Group in Orlando, Florida, for eight years.

He was born in Holyoke and was a 1984 graduate of Georgetown University. He received a master's degree from the University of Rochester in 1986.

He worshipped at Our Lady of Good Council Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Theresa Somers; a son, Shawn, and two daughters, Erin Bennett and Julianna Bennett, a home; his parents, William and Mary (Morrison) Bennett of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Stephen of West Springfield, and Thomas of Honolulu, Hawaii; and his sister, Joanne Jennison of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at Coleman & Daniels Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Calvary Cemetery in Johnson City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Education Trust Fund (for the benefit of the decedent's children), in care of Agnes Randesi, Key Bank of New York, Vestal West Office, 109 North Main Street, Vestal, New York, 13580.

Sophie M. Strycharz

Sophie M. (Korona) Strycharz, 68, of 12 Phyllis Lane, Westfield, a co-owner and operator of the Oak Ridge Country Club, died at home.

She and her husband, Tony Strycharz, purchased the country club in Feeding Hills in 1976. They previously owned and operated the former Silver Street Superette in Westfield from 1963 to 1976.

Born in Enfield, Mrs. Strycharz lived in Westfield most of her life, and was a communicant of St. Peter's Church.

She also belonged to the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons, Anthony P. Jr. and William of Feeding Hills, and George of Westfield; three brothers, Frank of Suffield, Walter of Hazardville, and Joseph of Enfield; three sisters, Julie Sobinski of Suffield, Helen Corbo of Suffield, and Josephine Corona of Feeding Hills; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may go to the Western Massachusetts Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA, 01105.

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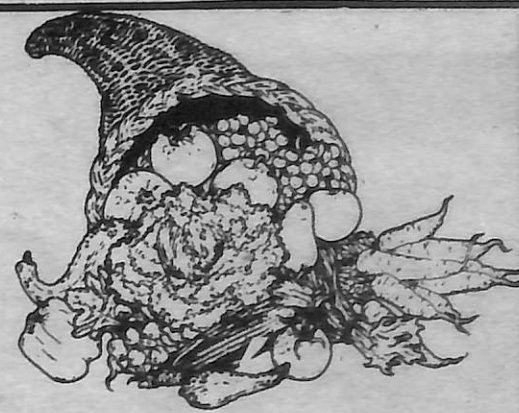
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FIRE CHIEF DAVID PISANO (center) is the United Way chairman for Agawam in 1994. He is pictured with Joseph Wakem, a loaned executive (left); Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Georgie Thompson, Fire Department secretary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Stop Signs" Erected At Dangerous Spot At Silver & Perry Lane

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At the Wednesday, November 9th meeting, Town Council unanimously approved a resolution establishing stop signs at the intersection of Silver Street, Perry Lane, and Pembroke Lane.

With little discussion and no debate, councilors upheld action taken by the Superintendent of Public Works John P. Stone in placing the signs in advance of official approval.

In a memo to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson dated October 6th, Stone explained that three personal injury accidents at the intersection prompted him to order the signs erected "with the knowledge and cooperation of the Police Department."

The accidents occurred within a week of the recent paving of Pembroke Lane, which intersects Silver Street (opposite Perry Lane).

According to Stone's memo, "Motorists traveling on Perry Lane and Pembroke Lane apparently are not recognizing the intersection with Silver Street as they can see the opposite street."

In a supporting document sent to the council by Johnson, the intersection is certified to meet the requirements of uniform traffic control established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works.

Stop signs are warranted at the intersection of a less important road (with a main road) when the normal right of way rule is deemed unduly hazardous. Two cross-type accidents in the period of one year qualify an intersection as unduly hazardous.

LEGAL NOTICE

APPROVED ORDINANCE TOR-94-8

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRESPASSING AND LOITERING IN SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ZONES IN THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

WHEREAS, the School Committee has brought to the attention of the Agawam Town Council the concerns of its staff regarding the increased need for safety in the schools and school zones in the Town of Agawam; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the need to protect its students and staff against trespassers and loiterers in schools and school zones; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council must address these concerns to assure the safety and well-being of its citizens while in schools and school zones;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Amend the Code of the Town of Agawam by establishing and inserting the following chapter:

CHAPTER 140

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ZONES

S140-1. Unauthorized Persons in Schools or

School Zones. S140-2. Violations and Penalties.

S104-1. Unauthorized Persons in Schools or School Zones; Loiterers and Trespassers.

A. No person not being a student or employee of a school and not having a legitimate, specific reason for being there and not having written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall remain in or about any school ground or any public property or way immediately adjacent thereto during school hours.

B. No person not being a student or employee of a school shall congregate or stand in or in front or in back or to the side of any school playground or, without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall use any school playground or facilities thereon during school hours.

C. Persons shall not congregate or stand on any public way or public property, or in front or in back or to the side of any kindergarten, primary, elementary or secondary school with the purpose of annoying or molesting the students or employees thereof, or hinder, obstruct, prevent or disrupt the normal functions carried on therein, or prevent students or employees from entering or leaving the school.

D. No person not being a student or employee of a school, while on school property or on public property adjacent to a school, shall distribute to students or throw, deposit, or discard any handbills, literature, brochures, or other papers or articles of any kind, unless such person has received written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

E. No person shall post or affix handbills, posters, political signs, or articles of any kind promoting business or organizations to any building, tree, fence or other structure on school grounds without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

S140-2. Violations and Penalties.

Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars.

DATED THIS TENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1994.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
James D. Taylor, President
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PERMANENT FIREFIGHTER Karl Schmaelzle (left) and **Fire Chief David Pisano** hold the new semi-automatic defibrillator for the EMT unit. The machine aids in restoring a heart rhythm to patients after cardiac arrest.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Firefighters Assoc. Helps With Purchase Of New Defibrillator

The Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association has recently helped purchase a new semi-automatic defibrillator for the Town of Agawam. The defibrillator aids in restoring a heart rhythm to patients after cardiac arrest.

The association made a pledge to pay 50 percent of the cost of the machine if the Town would match the amount and pay the other 50 percent.

The new defibrillator will allow the Fire Department to have two ambulances equipped with semi-automatic defibrillators. This will prevent a delay in care for the cardiac arrest patient.

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by Fire Chief David Pisano

The Proper Use Of Wood Stoves

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Use the following steps when deciding to purchase, install, and use a woodburning stove in your home:

- Purchase only wood stoves that have been listed by a recognized testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Contact your appropriate building official to ascertain whether a building permit is required for wood stove installation.
- Have the wood stove installed by a professional. Then have the completed installation inspected.

Once installed:

- Keep all flammable material at least three feet from the wood stove.
- Purchase a screen to place around the wood stove to prevent children and pets from being accidentally burned. Never leave children unattended in the room with the wood stove while a fire is burning.

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start or revive a fire in a wood stove. Many deaths have occurred by ignoring this one safety warning.

- Never use your wood stove to burn trash.
- Creosote is the product of incomplete combustion, and creosote build-up can cause a chimney fire. Opening the air inlets or the wood stove door and allowing the wood to burn freely for 10-15 minutes several times a week will reduce creosote build-up.

Know the signs of a chimney fire ... a loud roar, sucking sounds, and shaping pipes. Make sure everyone knows what to do. Practice fire drills and learn how to use a fire extinguisher. If you think you have a chimney fire, call the fire department at 911 immediately. Cut off the fire's air supply by closing any intake vents in the firebox. Close the damper. Get everyone out of the house.

Dispose of ashes by placing them in metal containers. Do not put in paper bags or cardboard boxes. Ashes can retain enough heat to start a fire for several days. Wet ashes to make sure they are cold.

For additional installation tips and safety procedures, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.



Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by David C. Gallano

November 1973

NOVEMBER 29th - LIBRARY DIRECTOR 'WILL NOT ACCEPT' BRANCH IN JUNIOR HIGH

The director of public libraries said today she would not accept a junior high school library as a temporary home for a Feeding Hills branch library. Shirley Anne Richard remained adamant in her conviction that a new library is the only solution to cramped quarters and limited service at the Feeding Hills branch.

Agawam Superintendent of Schools Robert C. Gardner said that a combination school-town

library at the Junior High School will not meet either groups' needs.

NOVEMBER 30th - COUNSELING CENTER SEEKS MORE SPACE

Representatives of Agawam's SPAN center made a plea for a new facility at the annual meeting of Agawam Citizens Organization at the Captain Leonard House.

Richard "Bucky" Jackson, director of the SPAN Center, reported that the counseling center has expanded so much that the tiny office at 1335 Springfield Street can no longer serve adequately. He said he and his staff of two counselors and an administrative assistant need office space for consultations.

SPAN (Serving the People of Agawam) is a local agency established by ACO and funded by local, state, and federal monies to provide immediate and personal aid to persons who otherwise might not turn to a more formal agency. Jackson said SPAN has a highly professional staff and maintains complete confidentiality of its 40 clients.

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Historic Storowton Village Transforms Into Winter Wonderland On Dec. 3rd-4th

Historic Storowton Village Museum, on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA, will be transformed into a winter wonderland of beautifully decorated buildings during "Yuletide at Storowton," this season's free Winter Holiday Festival, on December 3rd and 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

According to event chairperson Pay Byrne of West Springfield, several area garden clubs and florists will donate their time, expertise, and natural materials to decorate the historic buildings for the holiday season. Participating clubs and florists include: Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, and Hampden Garden Clubs; Wm. Burrows Florist and Longmeadow Flowers.

Storowton Village will also decorate The Schoolhouse and the Potter Mansion parlor and kitchen, as well as serve as costumed guides for the event.

The annual event will kick off each day with a "Winter Gift Wrapping" parade through the Village at 11:30 a.m. Adults and children alike may wrap themselves in their favorite holiday decorations, participate in a parade, and compete for prizes. The parade begins in front of the Meeting House, and there will be prizes for all participants.

The Village's Meeting House will be the site of storytelling and musical performances by the Agawam Congregational Bell Ringers, the Farmington Valley Sweet Adelines, and several choral groups from area high schools.

Choral groups performing in the Meeting House include the High School of Commerce Chorale, Cathedral High School Chorale, Alvirne High School Chorus, and the Springfield Central High School Chorale.

Dennis Picard, Storowton Village program coordinator, will present a talk titled "Santa's Little Helpers" in the Meeting House at 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 3rd, and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4th. Picard will tell the tales of "Santa's Little Helpers" from many cultures and many lands, including the Northern European traditions of Belsnickel and Black Peter.

Ice sculpting demonstrations by Rich Gloster will also be featured during both days of the event from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on the Village Green.

On Saturday, December 3rd, Jerry Marchand will play the Celtic Harp in the Gilbert House from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. ***

The 19th century crafts of fireplace cooking, blacksmithing, and candle dipping take place daily, and there will also be craft demonstrators making brooms, quilting, spinning, coopering, and more. Caroling and a tree lighting ceremony will take place each day at 4:00 p.m. on the Gazebo.

Other holiday activities include a visit with Santa, a live pony carousel, and a petting zoo where farm animals will roam, awaiting a friendly pat

from Village visitors. Holiday wreaths, trees, gifts, and other goodies will also be for sale.

Stop by the Holiday Sweet Shoppe in Potter Mansion, and don't forget to visit the Storowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House for all your holiday gift-giving needs.

Both shops are open during the event, and the Storowton Village Gift Shop will remain open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., through December 24th. Volunteers will be wrapping gifts to benefit the Pioneer Valley Hospice throughout the event.

The beautifully decorated Village will also be open for free holiday House Tours from December 5th through December 9th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Also on the Exposition grounds on December 3rd will be the Yuletide Miniature Show, featuring doll house miniatures, in the New England Center. Show hours are Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for children, and children under six years of age will be admitted free. There is no charge for "Yuletide at Storowton."

For more information on Yuletide events, call the Village at (413) 787-0136, or the Eastern States Exposition at (413) 737-2443.



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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, CHAPTER 180, ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 180-55 AND 180-60 AND CHAPTER 180, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 180-66

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam, under authority granted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, has enacted the Agawam Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of promoting health, safety, convenience, and welfare of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the ordinances were revised in 1986 to eliminate residential uses in industrial districts; and

WHEREAS, Section 180-60 and Section 180-55 of Article X and Section 180-66 of Article XI were inadvertently not removed from the ordinance or amended at the time revisions were made;

WHEREAS, the Agawam Planning Board, in the best interests of the Town, requests that the Agawam Town Council amend said sections in the Agawam Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

Amend Section 180-60 of Article X of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Industrial District A" by deleting paragraph B which states:

"B. No building or other structure shall be erected, altered or used for residential purposes which shall accommodate or house more than four (4) families. All four-family buildings or structures used for residential purposes shall be erected on a parcel of land containing not less than one (1) acre in area and having not less than one hundred fifty (150) feet of frontage of a street."

and insert in place thereof the following paragraph B:

"B. All residential development is prohibited, except that alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change to any existing residential structure is permitted."

Amend Section 180-66 of Article XI of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Industrial District B" by deleting paragraph D which states:

"D. No building or other structure shall be erected, altered, or used for residential purposes which shall accommodate or house more than four (4) families. All four-family buildings or structures used for residential purposes shall be erected on a parcel of land containing not less than one (1) acre in area and having not less than one hundred fifty (150) feet of frontage on a street."

and insert in place thereof the following paragraph D:

"D. All residential development is prohibited, except that alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change to any existing residential structure is permitted."

Amend Section 180-55 of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance entitled "Industrial District A" by deleting paragraph A which states:

"A. For residential purposes, provided that the land so located in an industrial district is part of a subdivision plan duly recorded prior to the enactment of this section or if individual building lots have been similarly recorded."

Amend Section 180-55 of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance entitled "Industrial District A" by re-lettering the existing paragraph B as paragraph A.

Amend Section 180-55 of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance entitled "Industrial District A" by re-lettering the existing paragraph C as paragraph B.

DATED THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1994.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
James D. Taylor, President
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor
Published: November 22, 1994

*You turn our pages
each and every week*

Area Mothers Against Drunk Driving To Hold Annual Candlelight Vigil Of Hope Dec. 4th

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Hampden County Chapter will be holding its ninth annual Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance and Hope on Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m. at the Old First Church at Court Square in Springfield.

Victims' families from Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin County will be joining together to remember their loved ones who were killed or injured in drunk driving crashes. Hundreds of MADD chapters across the country will be holding their vigils at that time, to pay tribute to the thousands of men, women, and children who were killed or injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes.

Last year in the United States, an estimated 17,461 people died in alcohol-related traffic crashes—an average of one person every 30 seconds, and an estimated 1.2 million people

were injured—an average of one person every 26 seconds.

"The pain we've experienced from these tragedies never goes away, but the holidays are an especially difficult time," explains chapter president Barbara Griffin. "The vigil allows us to share our grief and remind the community that drunk driving is a violent crime which affects thousands of people each year—many of them right here in Western Massachusetts."

The public is invited to attend this poignant ceremony of music, poems, and prayer. Families may contact the MADD office at (413) 592-9953 if they have lost a loved one in a drunk driving crash and would like that person's name be read during the ceremony. Persons who were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes may also be included in the reading of names.

—Check our classified pages every week!!!—

Thanksgiving Wishes



The pilgrims who settled in Plymouth County almost 375 years ago faced hardship and uncertainty. The promise of freedom and democracy led the settlers to embark on this courageous journey. The holiday season is an appropriate time to reflect on the blessings bestowed upon us as citizens of the United States. We often take for granted the individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution. Yet American soldiers have valiantly fought and died to bring our democratic ideals to foreign countries longing to emulate our way of life. The successful restoration of the freely elected leader of Haiti, Jean Bertrand Aristide, represents the latest triumph over oppression and fear.

On this day of thanks and remembrance, I wish all the residents of the Hampden District, best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Senator Linda J. Melconian

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 28th: Grape juice, stuffed shells with extra sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread, fresh orange.

Tuesday, November 29th: Beef burgandy, egg noodles, carrot coins, Canadian oat bread, canned pears.

Wednesday, November 30th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, peas, whole wheat bread, canned prunes.

Thursday, December 1st: Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, December 2nd: Corn chowder, tuna fish sandwich on rye bread, broccoli salad, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at 789-0053.

"Getting The Most For Your Dollar" Program At Noble Hospital

With the Christmas shopping season upon us, smart consumers want to be sure that they are getting the best product at the best cost possible.

To help individuals learn how to spend their hard-earned money wisely, Noble Hospital in Westfield will offer a free community presentation entitled *Getting the Most for Your Dollar* on Wednesday, December 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Auditorium A.

Priscille Sykes, director of Materials Management at Noble, and Carole Nathan, purchasing manager, will teach participants how to be smart shoppers. Topics to be discussed will include food shopping; how to shop for desirable retail items in the home such as small appliances; tips for buying a car; catalog shopping; interpreting consumer buying guides; and whether or not service contracts and extended warranties are worth their cost.

To register for the program, call Noble Hospital's HealthBEAT at 568-2328.

Agawam Rotary Club To Hold Benefit Luncheon Auction

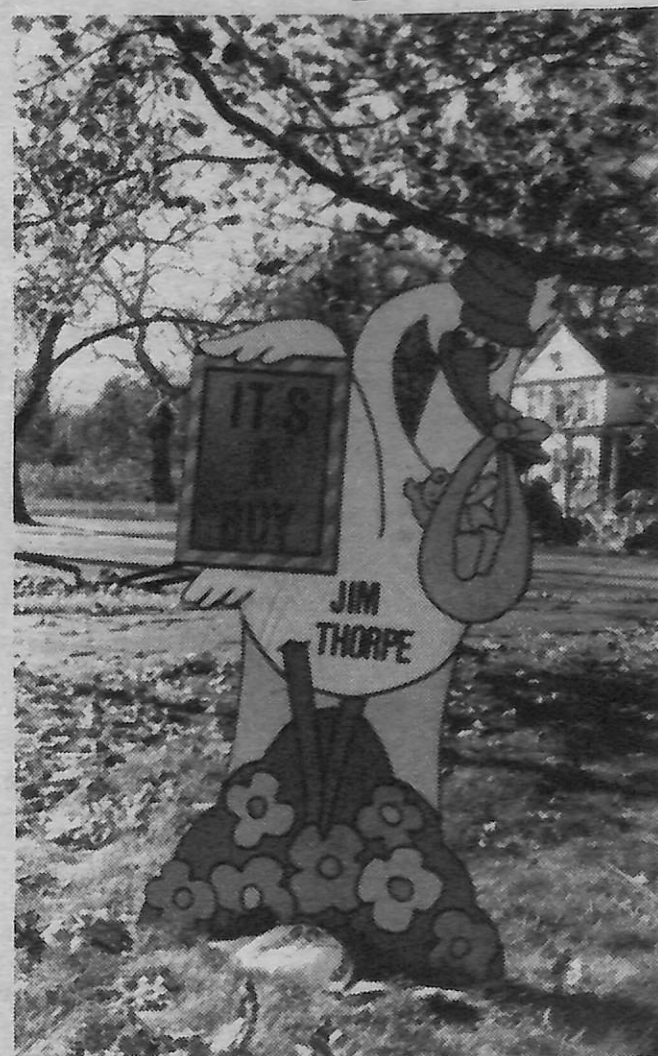
The Agawam Rotary Club announces that a Benefit Luncheon Auction has been planned for Wednesday, December 7th, between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

Many items have been donated by Agawam Rotary members and local businesses. Prices will begin around \$15. Robert Campbell, past president of the club, will be the auctioneer.

The Rotary Club invites all to attend and have some fun and help raise money for charity. If you have an item you wish to donate (tax deductible), please call Kathy Ayre at 789-0812.

Check our classified pages

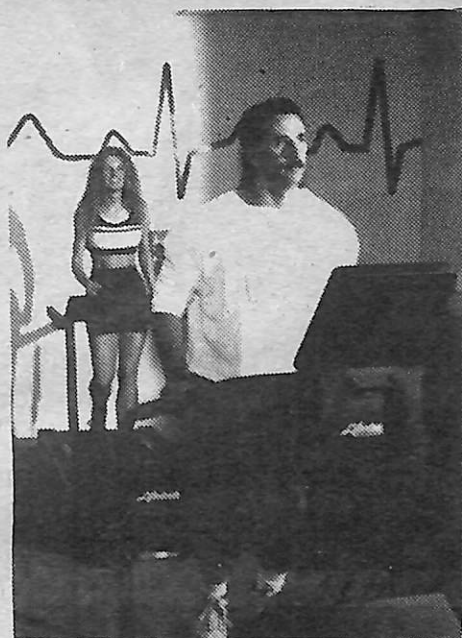
New Thorpe Born



JAMES BRADFORD THORPE, son of Bradford & Susan Thorpe, owners of Thorpe's Office Supply on Main Street, was born on November 8th and all the world knew via this sign on the front lawn. Grandparents are William & Dorothy Thorpe of Agawam and Rudy & Barbara Szady of Worcester, and James & Linda Murray of Sunbury, Ohio.

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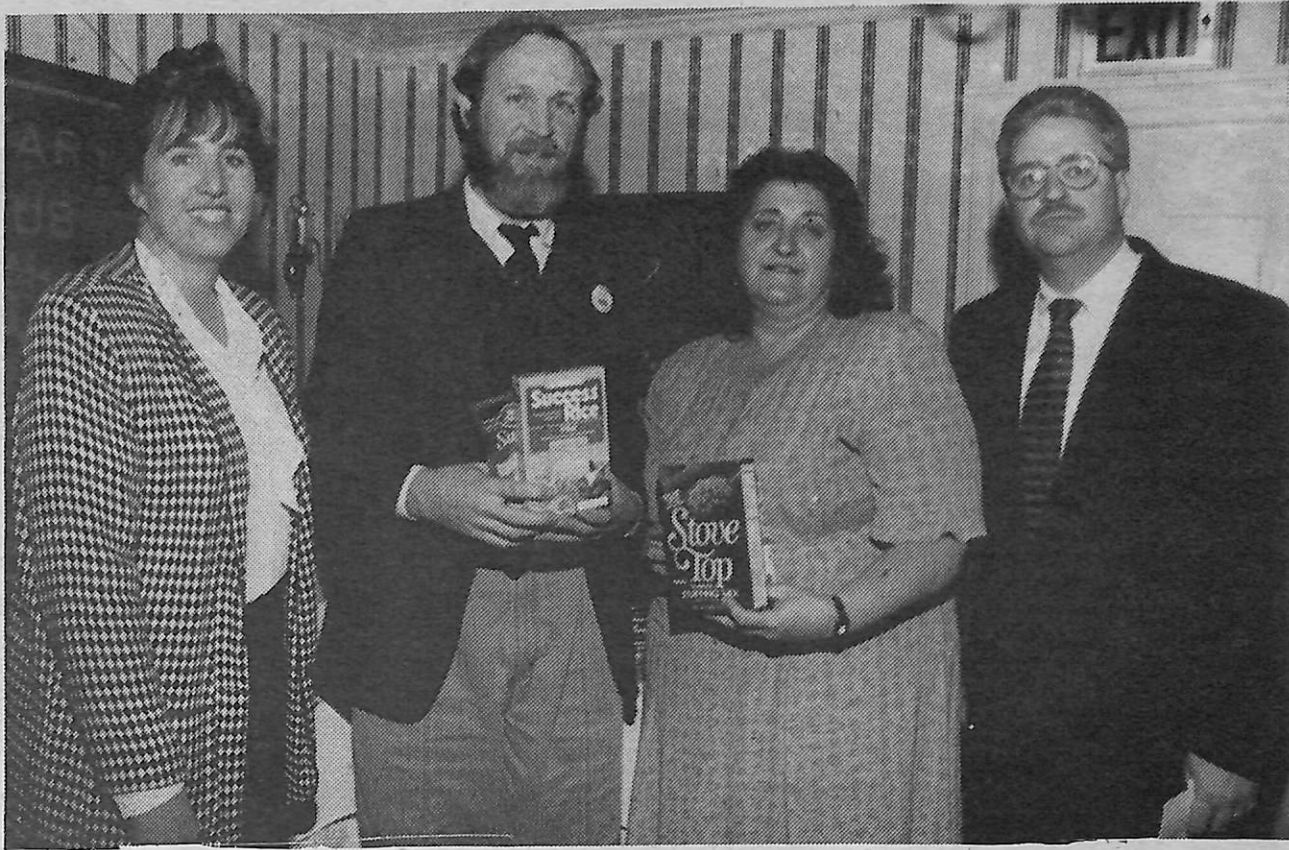
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Agawam Rotary Donates To Open Pantry



ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, the Agawam Rotary Club collected canned goods and dollars to give to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. From left - Kathy Ayre, Agawam Rotary; Kevin Noonan, Open Pantry; Rosemary Sandlin, Agawam Rotary; and Lowell McLane. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council On Aging December Calendar

December 2nd: Chapter 1 - Christmas Dinner Board Meeting at Casa di Lisa. Dinner at 1:00 p.m.

December 7th: Chapter 2 - Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef, with entertainment. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

December 12th: Chapter 2 - Trip to Aqua Turf Restaurant in Southington, Connecticut, with dinner and entertainment.

December 14th: Chapter 1 - Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef, with entertainment. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

December 21st: Chapter 2 - Christmas Party at the Senior Center, with a luncheon and entertainment at 1:30 p.m.

December 23rd: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting CANCELLED.

December 28th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

Photos To Be Available At "Breakfast With Santa" On Dec. 4th

Bring the kids for photos with Santa at the annual "Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus." The breakfast will be held Sunday, December 4th, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street, and is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Once again, the Agawam Lions Club has offered to assist with the cooking.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an Elf will all be available for visits. Each child will receive a candy cane and Santa coloring page. Children can bring letters to Santa to put in Santa's Mailbox; those including a return address will receive a reply from Santa in the mail. Photos with Santa will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12, and are available from any club member or by calling Ann at 786-1675 or Stephanie at 786-4578. Tickets will also be available at the door. Come and bring the whole family for some good holiday fun!

Proceeds from this event will benefit the club's community projects and donations. Canned goods will also be collected for Holiday Baskets for needy Agawam families.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Sgt. Michael Chavez Earns Medal In CT Army National Guard

Michael A. Chavez of Agawam, a sergeant in the Connecticut Army National Guard, has been awarded the Connecticut Long Service Medal for 10 years of faithful service in the armed forces of the state.

He is a member of the Headquarters Minus Detachment 712th Maintenance Company, in Windsor Locks.

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Heritage Hall Seeks Christmas Volunteers

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Whether you play an instrument, sing, or are a whiz at holiday decorating, your talents are greatly needed. Groups of Christmas carolers are

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Lisa Bruno Of Swk. Becomes Bride Of Lon Winchell

Lisa Bruno and Lon Winchell exchanged vows in a ceremony held at Our Lady of the Lake Church. Rev. Father James Paul Menge officiated.

Serving as maid-of-honor was Mrs. Debbie Hersey and John Marcyoniak, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man. Other members of the wedding party included Mrs. Darcie Glynn and sisters of the bride, Cheryl Bruno and Myssie Bruno. Also, Jimmy Bruno, brother of the bride, Pat Glynn, Chuck Margarites, and Ray Leduc.

Flower girl was Melinda Gillespie (the groom's niece) and Johnny Marcyoniak (the groom's nephew) served as ringbearer.

Following a reception at Oak Ridge Country Club in Agawam, Mr. & Mrs. Winchell honeymooned in Virginia Beach and the Poconos. The couple will make their home in Grafton, Massachusetts.

The bride and groom are graduates of Southwick High School. Mrs. Winchell graduated from Becker College in Worcester and is employed at Westfield Mutual Insurance. The groom attended Westfield State College and is currently pursuing an engineering degree at Western New England College and is employed by AT&T.

Lisa Winchell is the daughter of James & Cheryl Bruno of Southwick and the granddaughter of Nancy Bruno of Agawam, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Teece of Southwick.

Lon Winchell is the son of Gerry Klonski of Westfield and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zanolli of Southwick.

E.B.'s Restaurant To Co-Sponsor Benefit For Easter Seals

Nationally-known Elvis impersonator, Ray Guillemette, Jr., A-Ray of Elvis, will be performing two shows on Monday, December 5th, at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. at E.B.'s Restaurant, 385 Walnut Street Extension in Agawam, to benefit Easter Seals programs and services for people with disabilities.

Both shows are being sponsored by E.B.'s Restaurant and WWLP-TV22.

Tickets are priced at \$22 per person (includes a full buffet). A cash bar will also be available.

Reservations are required and may be obtained by calling E.B.'s Restaurant in Agawam at (413) 789-3525.

Join us on Monday, December 5th, for an evening of good food, great music, and fun galore, and help Easter Seals empower people with disabilities.

Check our classified pages each week!

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Hold Dinner



AGAWAM RESIDENT Laura Harrington, senior vice-president of VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6714, accepts donations for a roast pork dinner the Ladies Auxiliary held after their November meeting. Looking on are Annie Granger, chaplain (left) and new member Barbara Major.

Prime Fitness Helping Open Pantry

From November 25th through December 1st, Prime Fitness, Fitness and Aerobics Center, 168 Baldwin Center, West Springfield, will be having a can-raiser for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

This program is called "Can for a Day." Donation of one can of non-perishable food will allow the donor to use the complete facilities for one

day.

Dry goods such as flour and sugar will also be accepted. The donor may continue to donate cans of food throughout the week. In this way, the donors can earn one free week's membership for the price of seven cans of food.

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AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEMBERS (Chapter I) at their 38th Anniversary Banquet, from left - Eva DeGrandpre (in charge of tables) and Jan Riberdy, Ways and Means chairwoman; Alice Ramponi and Claire Guidetti, party hostesses; and club members Jane Montagna, Kay Aldrich, and Janet Scannell enjoy the festivities.

Golden Agers Chapter I Holds 38th Annual Banquet

The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter I, held its 38th anniversary banquet at Shaker Farms, Westfield, on October 12th.

The club had its beginnings in 1956 and was sponsored by St. John Evangelist Church, First Baptist Church of Agawam, and Agawam Congregational Church. To set the club in motion, a group of women met in private homes to swap ideas regarding a social club for older citizens.

Mrs. John Pond signed in as the first member of the Agawam Golden Age Club at St. John's Church Hall. One-hundred people gathered to launch the new club.

Fifty-seven Agawam seniors became charter members, and any member registering at the next two meetings would also become charter members.

Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter I, boasts "one" charter member left of all who signed in at that time. She is Amerlia Rivers, now 103 years-old and living at the Suffield House, Suffield, CT.

The first officers were selected in 1956 and they were:

Levi Rivers, President; Roy Hamilton, Vice-President; Mrs. Susibell Russell, Secretary; and Mrs. Edith Oberheim, Treasurer.

Their slogan was "Grow old with me—the best is yet to be."

Thirty-eight years later, 60 years old is still the magic number to join the club. Many officers have come and gone in these 38 years, but the basic tenets of the original club prevail—i.e., to bring together older citizens of Agawam for the purpose of companionship and to share common interests and experiences with old friends and new.

The following Golden Age poem was written in 1957:

*"They come from every part of
the town
To visit together awhile.
They meet with a hearty
handshake
And a kindly, happy smile."*

*Friends call us the Golden
Age Club.*

*Some say 'senior citizens,' too.
But whatever the name, I'm
glad I belong,
And so, I am sure, do you.*

*For years we worked, we
did our best
That our families might happy be.
Now there's time to go places,
here and there.
Seeing things we wanted to see.*

*Yes, you have to reach the 60 mark,
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By Felicia Sandberg
Agawam, 1957

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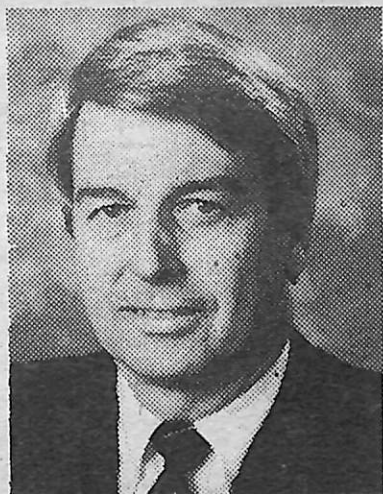
Church News

Annual Holiday Bazaar At St. Theresa's

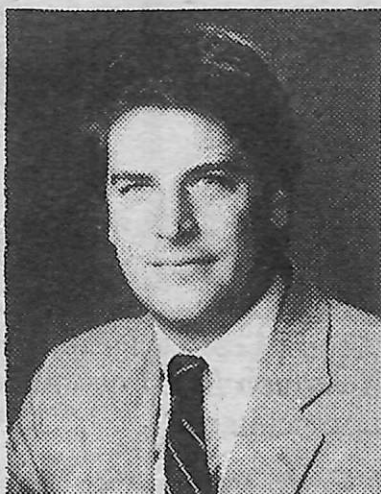


PHOTOS - CLOCKWISE - PARTICIPATING IN THE RE-
CENT St. Theresa's Church Christmas Bazaar - Pat Benoit and
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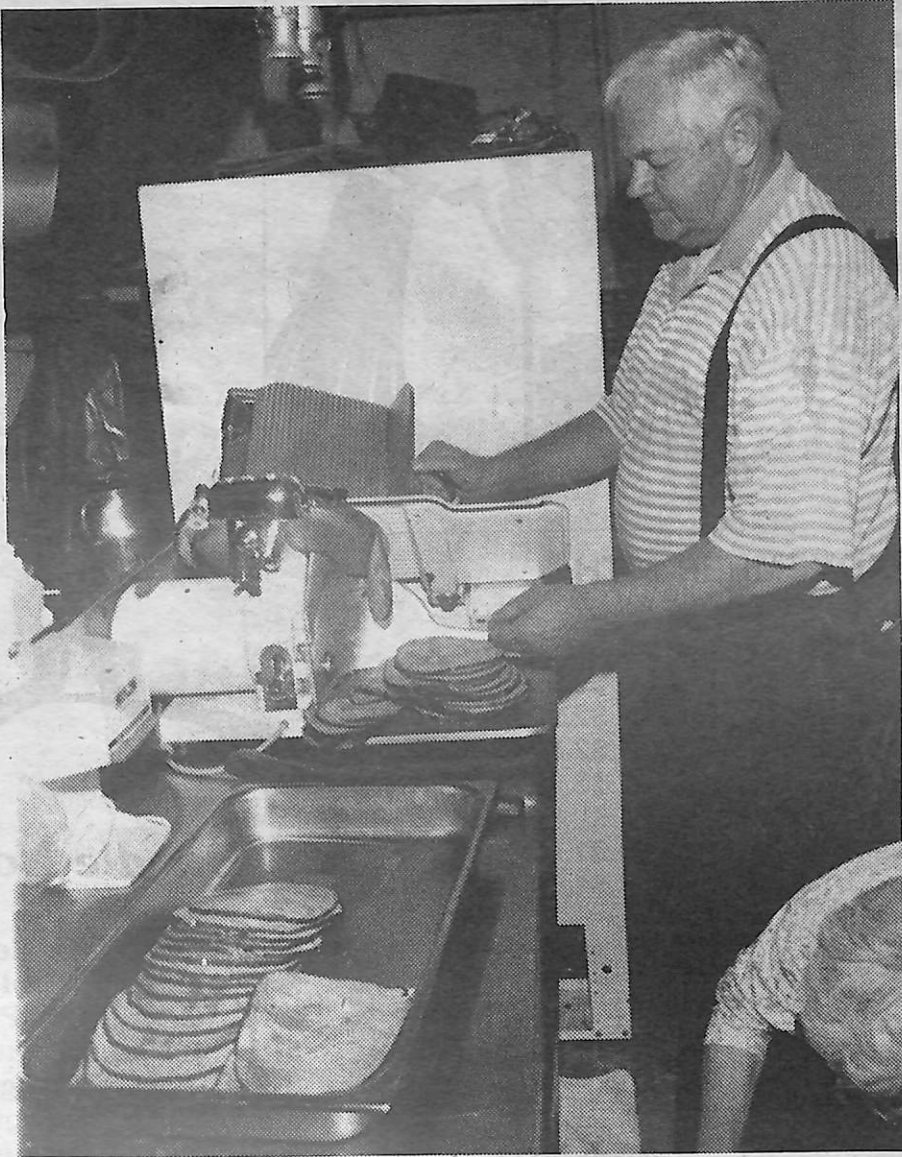


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Church News - continued...

Ham & Bean Supper Held At Valley Community



IN PHOTO LEFT, BEN FISH cuts ham for hungry folk who attended the November 12th Ham & Bean Supper at Valley Community Church; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Samantha Foucher and Juli Freniere enjoy their dinners. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MARJORIE LANG serves dessert at the Ham & Bean Supper earlier this month at Valley Community Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Church News - continued...

Holiday Bazaar At United Methodist Church



PARTICIPATING IN THE RECENT holiday bazaar at the Agawam United Methodist Church included, from left - Edith Michaud, Paula Bernier, Louise Lisee, Muriel Fearn, Betty Fearn, and Hannah Binns. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Westfield Church
Plans Bazaar

St. Peter's Parish, 34 State Street, off Route 20 in Westfield, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Parish Center.

Featured will be country art, knitted items, jewelry, a wide variety of crafts, baked goods, including their popular kolacky, and attic treasures.

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Church News - continued...**Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

This Sunday, November 27th, begins our Advent Season. The morning worship at 10:30 a.m. will start each service with an advent candle lighting by members of the church.

Rev. Fuller's sermon title this Sunday is "I will fulfill the Promise!" from Jeremiah 33:14-16.

Midweek Service continues Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Playgroup is every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Playgroup follows the school calendar year and is open to all infants through five year-olds.

Stop by to chat with other caring adults while your child enjoys special play time. For more information, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

Last chance! The Sr. High Youth Group will take orders for the gorgeous, full Christmas wreaths through Sunday, November 27th. Cost is only \$10.

Returnable Bottle Drive—December 4th through 10th, sponsored by the Jr. High Youth Group. A large bin will be located in the church parking lot during the week for the bottles.

"Music Of Christmas" Agawam Cong. Church

"The Music of Christmas," a program of piano and organ music, will be presented on Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Mr. Bryan Kirby, organist and choir director at the church, will play a variety of music ranging from Bach to contemporary arrangements of old favorites.

Join your friends and neighbors for this festive presentation of holiday music. Refreshments will follow.

On Saturday, December 10th, the Jr. High youth will be in front of Dave's Soda & Pet Food City collecting bottles from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This drive is to benefit the Open Pantry of Agawam/West Springfield.

On Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 p.m., celebrate the music of Christmas with a service of piano and organ music, "The Music of Christmas," performed by Bryan Kirby, organist/choir director of the Agawam Congregational Church.

An offering will be collected to benefit the church choral program. Refreshments will be served.

The Club 45 group will meet at the church Friday, December 9th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will be three Christmas Eve services held Saturday evening, December 24th, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A Christmas Pageant at 5:00 p.m.; a Carol & Candle Service at 7:00 p.m.; and the traditional Candlelighting Service at 11:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Christmas Day, the Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church To Hold Holiday Fair

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 16th Annual Holiday Fair on December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The fair will feature local craft persons as well as traditional church shops. Interested crafters may obtain an application by calling the church office (734-9268) mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**From the PULPIT**

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Thanks To Our Town

For the Agawam Junior Women's Club and others who bring food and hope to the needy in our town, thank-you Lord, for our community.

For the candlelight vigil held in memory of Lisa Ziegert on the Veteran's Green that keeps alive the flame of Lisa's life and the hope for a just resolution to her tragic death, thank-you, Lord, for our community.

For the hardworking members of civic groups who volunteer much time to fight disease and sickness and who promote mental health, thank-you, Lord, for our community.

For the CROP Walk leaders and participants who walk 10 kilometers each October to eradicate hunger locally, nationally, and internationally, thank-you, Lord, for our community.

For the many Agawam schoolchildren who work in support of the Open Pantry through various fundraising efforts held in the schools, thank-you Lord, for our community.

For the Agawam Junior and Senior High School students who serve as peer leaders of their respective schools. These students set positive examples for younger children that drugs and alcohol do not have to be part of a teenager's life, thank-you, Lord, for our community.

For the several occasions when a local child or adult has been stricken with illness and townspeople have rallied to offer financial as well as moral support, thank-you, Lord, for our community.

For all those, who, day-in and day-out, offer their time and services in the spirit of volunteerism and comradery to make our town a better place to live and work, thank-you, Lord, for our community.

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Spotlight On Business



DANIEL J. LACIENSKI

Daniel J. Lacienski Awarded NovaCare Chairman's Award

Daniel J. Lacienski recently received the 1994 NovaCare Chairman's Award, the highest honor bestowed on an employee of NovaCare, Inc., an industry leader in comprehensive rehabilitation services. The award, which was presented at a banquet held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, recognizes Lacienski for displaying his commitment to the Pursuit of Excellence in his professional and personal life.

Employed by NovaCare's Orthotics and Prosthetics Division, Lacienski has built and manages one of the most successful areas in the East Region. He has opened six new offices in markets that were previously unserved, and is known for building a committed team and for his dedication to NovaCare.

In addition, Lacienski was recently promoted to Vice-President of Operations (effective November 15, 1994), and his area of coverage now comprises 52 facilities along the entire Eastern half of the United States.

A licensed respiratory care practitioner, Lacienski worked for 20 years in respiratory care prior to joining NovaCare O & P in 1992. His previous positions included assistant director of pulmonary medicine at Providence Hospital in Holyoke, MA, and most recently, general manager at Glassrock Home Health Care in Springfield, MA.

In regard to civic and community involvement, Lacienski has been chosen as the Agawam Democrat of the Year, as well as the Town of Agawam Citizen of the Year; has received the President's Award for Abby Medical; and served as the Vice-President of the Agawam City Council.

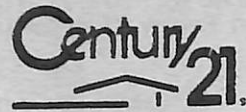
He earned his certificate in Respiratory Therapy from the Holyoke Hospital School of Respiratory Therapy in Holyoke, MA.

Lacienski and his wife, Lee, have one son, Mark, and two daughters, Anne and Beth.

NovaCare, Inc., is the leading rehabilitation management services company in the United States, and is the nation's largest employer of rehabilitation professionals. NovaCare's 10,000 clinicians treat 37,000 patients each day in nursing facilities, acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient clinics, and orthotic and prosthetic patient care centers.

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by
John Schuler
Real Estate
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Taking The Headache Out Of Relocating

Whether you're moving to a neighboring state or clear across the country, relocating to an unfamiliar area can be physically and mentally exhausting. Who will help you find the right home? What neighborhood is best for you? What about the cost of living? The questions seem endless. Simple things usually taken for granted, such as banking services, public transportation, and grocery stores, are suddenly major concerns.

Although some individuals relocating because of job transfers or new employment opportunities are assisted by their employers, others may be on their own when investigating a new area.

When planning an out-of-town move, consult with an experienced professional real estate agent to determine your needs—including the sale of your present home and the elements desired in your future community and residence—to make your move a more pleasant experience. Top real estate organizations that offer highly trained agents and relocation networks, such as the CENTURY 21 System, can help you sell your old home and find a new property in almost any part of the world.

A skilled professional real estate agent who is knowledgeable of your new area, will discuss with

you your wants and needs and introduce you to properties in neighborhoods/suburbs which are best for you.

Determine a price range and size for your new home. Are you interested in a condominium in the city or a suburban house with an acre of land? If you have children, will they attend public or private school? What are the ratings of local schools? Discuss your commute time to work. Will you be driving or taking public transportation? What demographics do you desire in your community—singles, families, seniors?

Once these questions are answered, your agent should choose several appealing communities and provide you with a "newcomer kit" containing essential information on:

- Schools
- Transportation
- Driver's License
- Insurance Agencies
- Child Care
- Banking Services
- Cable TV
- Shopping
- Auto Registration
- Medical Facilities
- Local Newspapers
- Area Maps
- Utility Hook-up
- Telephone Service

After reviewing all information, plan to visit your new location. Your real estate agent there can introduce you to the area and provide tours of neighborhoods and suburbs that best fit your needs.

Uprooting your family and relocating to an unfamiliar area can be stressful, but working with a quality real estate company that offers the services of knowledgeable real estate agents can start you off in the right direction. These agents, particularly those who are part of the same network, will be able to answer your questions and work in conjunction with one another for a smooth transition in selling your old house and purchasing a new one.

(John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**BITS & PIECES**

by Raymond Rose
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Family Life Commandments

Several years ago, I came across the information listed below. Although my family has always strived to practice each of these commandments, I thought the wording was **short and sweet ... and to the point**. Thus, I hung it up in our kitchen, and it's been there ever since.

My boys and I look at it on a regular basis. See what you think:

1. I shall be considerate at all times.
2. I shall respect the rights, privileges, sensibilities, freedom, and privacy of all others in the household.
3. I shall put my clothes where they belong and shall not clutter up any part of the house ... and that which is done in my room shall not be the business of others unless it infringes on their rights.
4. That which I take out I shall put back immediately.

**Financial Planning**

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Holiday Season Budgeting

For many people, the real joy of the holiday season is watching others open the gifts you've carefully selected for them. But unless you're careful, the care—and expense—you put into those gifts can come back and haunt you like the Ghost of Christmas Past.

We're not advocating that you become a Scrooge. With the right amount of planning, you can continue to select thoughtful gifts without ruining your financial health.

When putting together a financial plan, it's not uncommon to underestimate the amount you spend on gifts each year. Each gift you buy for a birthday, graduation, wedding, or anniversary may not cost that much. But added together—with holiday gifts thrown in—they can add up. When you do your financial planning, it's extremely important to budget for all your gift-giving so that it doesn't throw the rest of your budget out of whack.

That happens most often during the Christmas season. We often make the trek to the local shopping mall with the names of our relatives and friends in our heads, but with no idea about what gifts might be appropriate or how much we want to spend. This especially can be a problem if you wait until the last minute to make your purchases; when stores are jammed and time is precious, cost often takes a back seat.

(On the other hand, many of us end up over-buying when we shop early; even though you've already bought for Aunt Helen, you see something else closer to Christmas that you're sure she can't live without.)

To avoid problems, spend some time making a list—a complete list before you head out to the stores. While some spontaneity is not harmful (and, in fact, is necessary to make shopping more than just a chore), you should have a good idea about how much you want to spend, what you want to buy, and where you want to buy it.

Find what you want, buy it, and leave; window shopping may be fun, but during the holiday season, that seemingly harmless exercise often turns into just plain shopping.

The important thing to do is stick to your budget. Pay for your purchases with cash or check, not a credit card. Too often we can rationalize buying an item that's beyond our means if we use plastic to do it. The bill always comes due.

What makes it even easier to yield to the credit temptation is that merchants offer all kinds of incentives this time of year, most often allowing you to defer payments until spring. But like we said: the bill always comes due.

The holiday season is a time for joy. Don't let uncontrolled spending ruin it for you.

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5. I shall not take anything which belongs to someone else without asking.
6. I shall do my share of the work.
7. I shall attempt to do all things the way they were meant to be done.
8. I shall not waste heat, hot water, electricity, or anything else.
9. I shall give advance notice of my comings and goings, especially if they will keep me away at mealtime.
10. I shall not criticize others in my house, nor ridicule their views, nor prolong a dispute.

"If we try to live by the spirit of these rules, ours will be a happy home, whatever difficulties beset us."

Cut out these Ten Commandments and review them with each family member ... it will give everyone a general set of guidelines to live by.

NAMES AND NOTES

Looking to buy a house? ... The best way to size up a neighborhood before signing the purchase and sale agreement is to approach the home from all directions in a one-mile radius, at night as well as during the daytime. Check for access, activity, and lighting.

Look at the condition of homes and buildings. Knock on doors and introduce yourself to the neighbors. Ask about crime, and size up the people at the same time. Call the local police department for the burglary and auto theft records for the area.

Ask the person you talk to if he/she would want to live in that neighborhood, or have a relative live there.

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M.S., S.M.C.



Dr. Sobel's Holiday Stress Tips

Each year I enjoy giving my readers my thoughts on how to deal effectively with the often seemingly endless demands and occurrences that take place at this time of the year.

There WILL BE days when you feel less than your personal best; the idea is to help you create a healthy balance in your life. Please read these tips and share them with family members and those you care about.

I wish you all a healthy and fulfilling holiday season. Please remember you are also invited to attend any of the programs I will be presenting in December; register early and call 785-1259 for more information.

(The following creative tips to manage stress during the holiday season are uniquely provided by Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of the New England Institute for Stress Management of West Springfield. Sobel is a humorist and motivational speaker who travels throughout the United States.)

TIPS FOR HOLIDAY STRESS

(1) Don't over-commit yourself to a surplus of parties, obligations, or celebrations. Ask yourself the question often: "Am I heading towards

overload?" An honest answer will allow you to make an intelligent decision.

(2) Don't be afraid to say "NO." Saying "no" to people who ask you (in good taste) to show up at a gathering, is necessary. You can say no very politely and do not look to always please the other person.

(3) Be wary of the tremendous amount of advertising at this time of the year. Buy what you determine you can afford and that's it! Credit card miseries will put a ball and chain on your feet in January if you are not careful. (And be sure to buy your pet a gift!)

(4) Try to invite someone over to your house or to your gathering who "has no one." This type of person needs your support at this time of the year. Holiday time is not a happy time for quite a few people.

(5) Stay with your health routines that allow your mind and body to recharge. I also recommend that you do what you can to "lighten up," such as watching a hilariously funny video (The Three Stooges are great!) or spending time with upbeat and positive people. Stay away from blood-sucking, toxic energy drainers!

(6) SING! Joining a Christmas chorus (especially if you haven't before) or carolling in the neighborhood is tremendously uplifting. Chanukah songs are also available to learn!

(7) Throw a few snowballs! (At trees and non-human objects.) Be a kid again. Belly-flop on a board down the nearest golf course hill!

(8) Bake cookies and give them to your friends - simple recipes which "guarantee" success are readily available. Who knows? You might find a new career here.

(9) Wait up at night for Santa and the reindeer. How are you so sure he won't come this time?

(10) Count your blessings! Not only now, but every day!

To find out how to obtain a copy of Dr. Sobel's best-selling book, "The Good Times Handbook - Your Guide to Positive Living and an Exciting Life," call 1-(800)-874-7189 or (413) 785-1259.

Alliance For Mentally Ill To Present Free Educational Meeting

On Thursday, December 1st, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts will feature Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor as the speaker at a free public educational meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Marie Center in Holyoke.

Dr. Taylor is a neuroanatomist in the Brain Tissue Research Center at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA, where she works with Dr. Francine Benes, who is world-renowned for her pioneering work in postmortem research in mental illnesses.

In conjunction with her research role at McLean, Dr. Taylor offers a slide and lecture presentation to increase public awareness of recent advances in brain research such as cerebral structural differences related to schizophrenia and metabolic effects of antipsychotic medications.

Dr. Taylor is known as an animated, articulate educator who is able to explain complex neurological functions in understandable terms for lay people as well as professionals. She stresses the need for postmortem brain tissue in order that research progress may continue and suggests that the title of her presentation might be "Research Takes Brains."

Dr. Taylor is an instructor of neuroscience at Harvard Medical School and serves on the National Board of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and is liaison to the Sibling and Adult Children's Council (whose membership is over 160,000). Dr. Taylor's undergraduate and graduate work were completed at Indiana University before she accepted a post-doctoral position within Harvard Medical School.

Her interest in research related to the functioning of the human brain has been personalized because her brother has been diagnosed with chronic schizophrenia.

The public is invited to hear Dr. Jill B. Taylor on Thursday, December 1st, at 7:00 p.m. Free parking is available at the Mt. Marie Center, located just off Route 5 at Ingleside in Holyoke.

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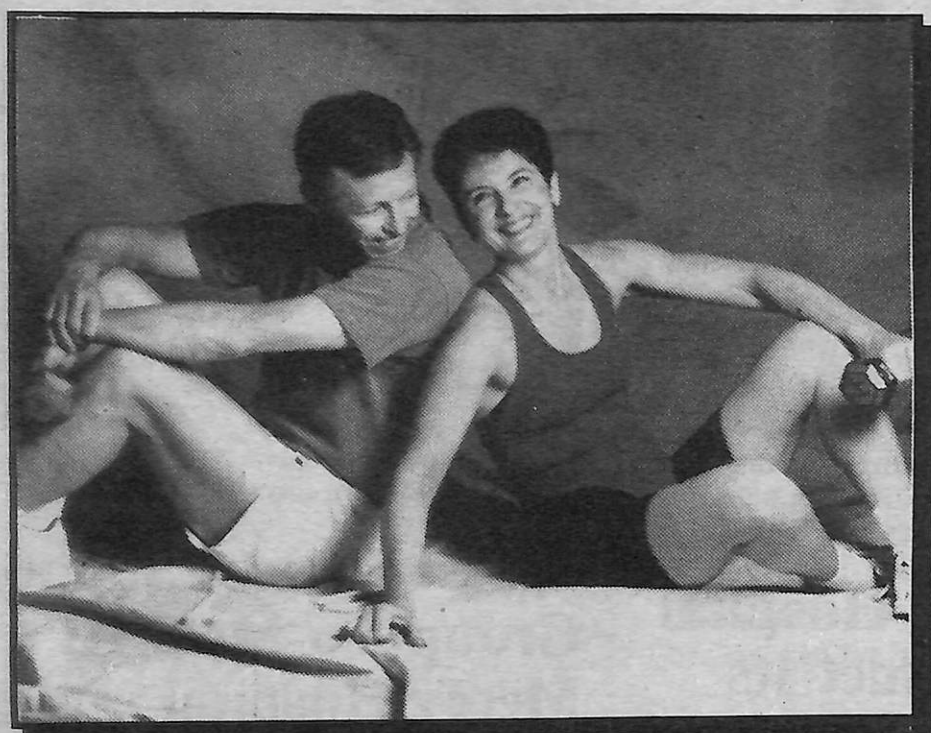


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Flu Shots Given At Senior Center



WITH THE WINTER SEASON coming soon, senior citizens at the Agawam Senior Center were administered flu shots by town Nurse Marialyse L. Rivers to Ted Lizak (left) and Dr. James Doering gives a shot to Nurse Beth A. Monaco. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Give The Gift Of Life At Mercy Hospital's Blood Bank

This holiday season, give a gift to someone you might never meet. Give the "Gift of Life" by becoming a blood donor at Mercy Hospital's Blood Bank.

Blood donation at Mercy Hospital is also a good way to keep tabs on one's own health. Donors are given a free mini-checkup that includes blood pressure, blood iron, and cholesterol testing.

And, as a special incentive in December, participants will receive a free ticket to StageWest, Springfield's professional theater. The ticket is good for any performance except "A Christmas Carol."

Donors must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Blood Bank hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with Wednesday and Thursday hours extended until 7:00 p.m.

Appointments are recommended; call (413) 748-9511 for more information.

Providence Hospital To Conduct Its Annual Light Display

Providence Hospital in Holyoke will brighten the holidays with the lighting of the third annual Holiday Display on December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Give a "Gift of Light" is the theme of the annual display, which encourages area residents to brighten the holidays by lighting a light for a friend, relative, or loved one. The display of white and colored holiday lights forms a tree based on the overhang of the main entrance and extending six stories to peak at the top of the hospital.

All money raised through the campaign will benefit the Providence Hospital Cancer Support Group, making the holidays a little brighter for persons with cancer and their families, said Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P. Facilitator, Cancer Support Group.

The cost is \$10 per light; to give the "Gift of Light," contact the Fund Development office at Providence Hospital, 539-2465.

Breast Cancer Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet December 6th and 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group, which meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer.

Family and close friends of the patient are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

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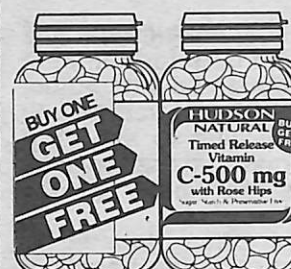
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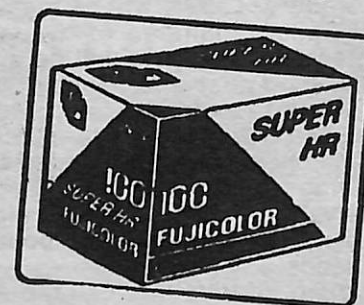
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For Your Health - continued...**Your Back And Your Health...
Examining Football
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by Drs. Katherine M.
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Football is one of the roughest, toughest sports and it attracts thousands of youngsters each fall. Unfortunately, the thrills it generates for spectators are often accompanied by injuries to the participants.

As chiropractic physicians, our interest in the game goes beyond the competition when there is an injury at the game, or the possibility that one has occurred.

An injury on the football field is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time. But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs. It can also cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While football is a fine builder of character and body, no football injury should be forgotten until after a competent consultation and examination.

Football is part of an American tradition in education, and it is certainly here to stay. But there is always a price for good things, and the price of football is occasional injury to the players.

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, located at 192 Shoemaker Lane, emphasizes the health of Agawam's athletes and is well-equipped to examine and treat those who have been injured.

**Mobile Hearing Center
To Visit Ag. Senior
Center December 2nd**

Free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks provided by Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will be conducted at the Agawam Senior Center on December 2nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales, and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For a reservation, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242 or 243.

**Christmas Seal Ball
For Lung Association
Set For Dec. 3rd**

The Fourth Annual Christmas Seal Ball to benefit the American Lung Association is set for Saturday, December 3rd.

It will be held at the Oaks in Agawam and Barry Kriger of TV22 will be the Master of Ceremonies. Also, Wesley Mungin, the young Christmas Seal Ambassador for 1994, will be there.

Paul Fuller, chairman of the event, said that during social hour there will be a silent auction, followed by dinner and dancing to the music of "Breezin'" until midnight.

This year, Ray Guillemette, Jr., "A-Ray of Elvis" from Chicopee, will also join the Christmas Seal Ball during social hour.

Reservations for tables of eight or 10 are available. Plan to attend this popular event with your friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 800-LUNG-USA or 737-3506.

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Stress Can Weigh You Down!

by Debra Morse, M.Ed.

With the holidays nearly here, you may already be thinking or worrying about what will be happening to your weight during and after the holidays. The extra stress, whether from happy anticipation or other less productive sources, can set the stage for several self-defeating thinking patterns which may result in less use of self-control, which often leads to overeating and weight gain.

Perfectionist thinking is one kind of problem-thinking. You may be familiar with the all-or-nothing, black-or-white kind of thinking, that is its trademark: "Since I ate that cheese puff, I'm not eating perfectly today, so I might as well eat this, that, and that, too."

Put so obviously, it is easy to see that there really is a lot of "gray area" in between! If you stop eating after a six-ounce top sirloin, which has about 14 g. fat, and skip the New York cheesecake, which has 22 g. fat, then you are 22 grams of fat ahead of the game!

How do you stop "perfectionist thinking"? The first step is to recognize and acknowledge, 1.) you do sometimes think this way, and 2.) that it is self-defeating because it keeps you from ac-

complishing your goals, like losing or maintaining your weight.

Once you recognize these things, the next step is to give yourself permission to be human, that is, less than perfect. As Salvador Dali said, "Have no fear of perfection, you will never reach it."

Likewise, don't fret about making mistakes, just try to look at them as opportunities for learning something that you didn't know before. Lastly, practice substituting "rational thinking" for perfectionist thinking.

Rational thinking is much more realistic, and always much more positive. Instead of "I ate that cheese puff, so I might as well eat with reckless abandon," you might say, "I ate a cheese puff, and it was a nice little treat. Now I will focus on eating the lean meats and vegetables, as I planned, so I will feel good about staying in control."

Holidays have special kinds of stresses, which can be managed by using a variety of strategies. Classes for Holiday Healthy Strategies are beginning soon on Monday evenings, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 850 Springfield Street, Suite 4, Feeding Hills.

To register, or for more information about the classes or individual consults, please call 789-2992.

**Baystate Medical Has
Tips For Smart Eating
During The Holidays**

Hate that bloated feeling the day after Thanksgiving?

"An ounce of prevention is the key to avoiding overindulgence at the holiday table," said Joan Kirschner, R.D., a registered dietitian in Baystate Medical Center's Outpatient Nutrition Clinic.

"Pace yourself and watch how much you are eating. Listen to your stomach and stop eating when it begins to feel stuffed or bloated," she added.

Kirschner offered the following holiday eating strategies:

- * Don't go to the table hungry because hunger can lead to a loss of control. Take the edge off your appetite beforehand by having a low-calorie beverage and low-fat, high-fiber snacks (such as sparkling water and whole wheat crackers or bread sticks).

- * Be selective in what you choose to eat. Bypass the everyday foods in favor of unique holiday foods.

- * Forget the phrase "I'm just going to eat a little bit of everything." Instead, eat small, moderate portions of the dishes you really like.

"If you are tempted by that last piece of pumpkin pie and wake to regret it the next morning, take a brisk walk, try an antacid, and eat light," Kirschner said.

For further information, call Baystate Medical Center at 784-3616.

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ON VIDEO

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Cat-In-A-Coop!

Catania "Coop," that is. Below are some bizarre requests I received from Jerry Catania and Mike "Coop" Cooper. Thanks for reading, guys.

I must say, you've selected some quality films. Thanks for your input.

* Pit and the Pendulum

Director: Roger Corman. 1961. Rated R. 1 hour and 20 minutes. Starring: Vincent Price, John Kerr, Barbara Steele, Luana Anders, and Anthony Carbone.

Edgar Allan Poe's horrific tale is superbly relayed by film in this classic tale of the macabre. Spooky film veteran Vincent Price leads the cast as the perfect nutcase.

Most of the eerie atmosphere is created from two major elements: Vincent Price and the set design. The bizarre and spooky sequences are very well executed, including the horrifying images of the title torture chamber.

Although these scenes are well executed, there seems to be too much inconsistency. In other words, you'll be very spooked in one scene, but suddenly, you are brought down by the subsequent scenes.

It must be considered, however, that filming such an old story requires this; otherwise, being faithful to the story would be difficult.

Pit and the Pendulum is a bizarre story in itself and provides enough instability among an audience to terrify. Although scenes are spread apart to an extreme degree, this is necessary in order to remain faithful to Poe's original tale.

Also, the presence of Vincent Price's eerie style of acting also serves as a reminder during these slow scenes for what's to follow. **3 STARS.** (16 years and up.)

* Akira

Director: Katsuhiro Otomo. 1990. Not rated. 2 hours

and 4 minutes. Animated.

You've probably never heard of this recent film, but it definitely should draw your attention. Director and writer Katsuhiro Otomo creates Japan during the 21st century after World War III in this adventurous tale.

The story, based upon Otomo's famous comic book, deals with the member of a motorcycle gang who becomes a scientific experiment subject much against his will.

For an unheard-of film, this displays some extremely high production values. There's strong acting, coherent dialogue, detailed editing, and grandiose photography (the latter is especially true during the action sequences).

Parents be warned—there is much violence in this film, so the kids should not be exposed to it. Adults, however, will be impressed.

Akira is a worthy example of creative and quality filmmaking. The extreme violence seems to be the only minor flaw. It's not your typical American blockbuster, but it certainly is enthralling, nonetheless. **3 STARS.** (16 years and up.)

* Watership Down

Director: Martin Rosen. 1978. Rated PG. 1 hour and 32 minutes. Animated.

Other than being Bugs Bunny's worst nightmare, *Watership Down* is another lesser-known film that displays the art of moviemaking admirably.

The film centers around a group of rabbits that embark upon a journey seeking safety after one rabbit has a vision that their homes are in danger of destruction by an evil adversary.

Don't expect a cute film for the kids. There's just enough dark tones in the film to make it inappropriate for the young ones. Young adults and adults alike, however, can enjoy this film suitably.

The film does take on a serious tone; the fact that it's animated is solely a production value and that's it. Otherwise, *Watership Down* plays like a regular movie with strong dialogue and consistent and satisfying plot development.

The watership may be down, but this movie is definitely up! **3½ STARS.** (16 years and up.)

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: Let me know what you think of "Pisano's Picks ... On Video." Send your comments, suggestions, and even your letters of damnation to me in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

Agawam Cultural Council Still Has Few Seats Left For Trip To New York City

The Agawam Cultural Council has a few tickets left for their bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 10th.

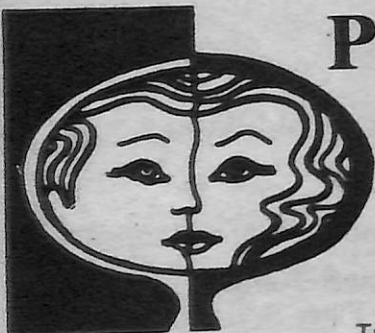
The bus leaves Agawam High School parking lot at 6:25 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Anyone interested may call Linda Lazarus at

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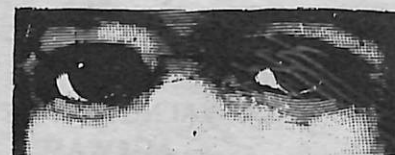
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Capt. Leonard House Plans Open House For This Holiday Season

The Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House will be holding a holiday open house on Sunday, December 4th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Townpeople are cordially invited to stop in and enjoy the holiday hospitality and historic good cheer of the Captain Charles Leonard House, located at 663 Main Street, Agawam Center.

The musical entertainment for this holiday open house will be provided by Carolyn Holstein on the harpsichord, and Megan Kortright on the flute.

Bay Path To Hold Auditions For The Musical *Hello, Dolly!*

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path College will be holding auditions for male actors, singers, and dancers on Monday and Tuesday, December 5th and 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus. Needed are men to fill roles in the college's March 1995 production of the Jerry Herman musical hit, *Hello, Dolly!*

Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact director Paul Norton at the college, (413) 567-0621.

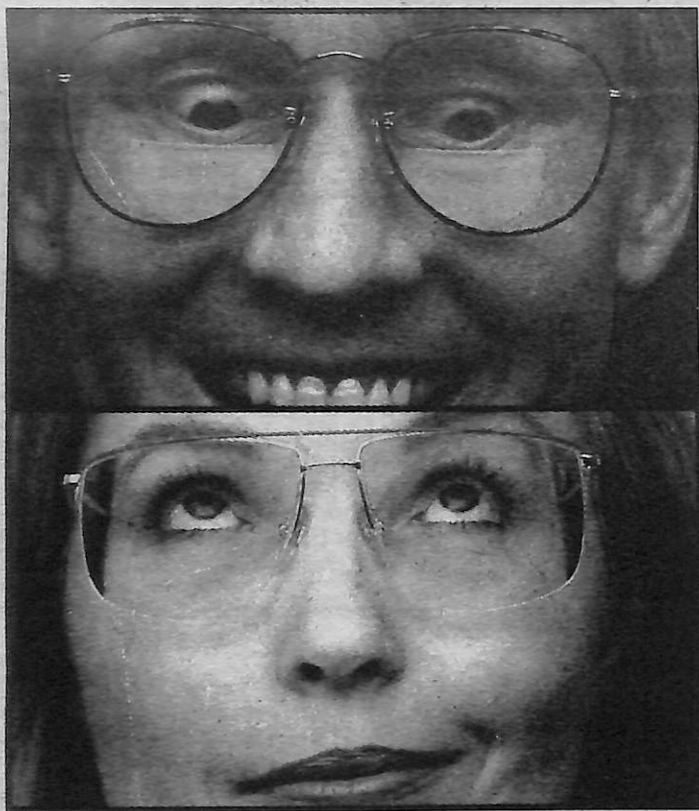
Agawam Students In "The Nutcracker"



AGAWAM STUDENTS who will be performing in "The Nutcracker" this weekend at Springfield Symphony Hall include, from left - Marcie Coogan, Courtney Megatulski, Adam Witte, Jodie Pfau, Jennifer Gildersleeve, Tara Witte, and Scott Harris. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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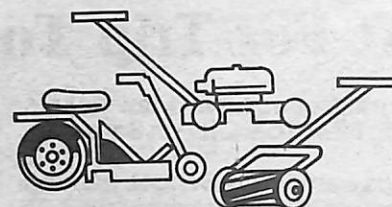
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Nothing makes for better dips than cheese. Football fans will love this hearty Cheddar Salsa dip whether it's served cold for the Miami game or warm for the Minnesota game.

Spicy Parmesan Snack Mix is a whole new way of snacking with chips. A bold array of seasonings are combined with chips. Oriental noodles and mixed nuts for a baked bonanza of unforgettable goodies.

Go for the extra points with your armchair quarterbacks; serve all your favorite party dips with these great tasting *Mr. Phipps* snacks.

CHEDDAR SALSA Makes 3½ cups

1 cup sharp Cheddar cold pack cheese
1 (8 ounce) package reduced-calorie cream cheese
1½ cups thick and chunky salsa
1 cup pitted ripe olives, coarsely chopped
½ cup minced scallions
2 to 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
Mr. Phipps Pretzel Chips, Tater Crisps, or Nacho Tortilla Crisps

In bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat cheeses until creamy. Blend in salsa, olives, scallions, and cilantro if desired. Cover and chill for at least two hours before serving. Serve as a dip with chips.

Warm Cheddar Salsa: Prepare as above; spoon cheese mixture into a 1-quart casserole. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until browned and bubbly; let stand 5 minutes. Serve as dip with chips.

*** SPICY PARMESAN SNACK MIX Makes 7 cups

2 tablespoons margarine, melted
1 tablespoon liquid hot pepper seasoning
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon dried onion flakes
½ teaspoon dried basil leaves
½ teaspoon dried oregano leaves

2 cups *Mr. Phipps* Pretzel Chips
2 cups *Mr. Phipps* Nacho Tortilla Crisps
2 cups Oriental medium wide noodles
1 cup unsalted mixed nuts
Sour cream (optional)

Combine margarine, hot pepper seasoning and Worcestershire sauce. In separate bowl, mix cheese, onion, basil, and oregano. In large bowl, combine pretzel chips, tortilla chips, Oriental noodles, and mixed nuts. Stir in margarine mixture and Parmesan mixture, tossing to coat well.

Spread mixture onto baking sheet. Bake at 325 degrees F for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden. Cool completely. Store in airtight container. Serve with sour cream for dipping if desired.

Back To Basics Cooking

Ease the normal rush of dinner preparation by using your microwave to cook "Vegetable-Beef Casserole." Combining ground beef, crook neck squash, onion, tomatoes, and rice, this one-dish meal takes only a half-hour to cook.

It gets its rich flavor from the seasonings—garlic, basic and naturally, brewed Kikkoman Soy Sauce. The benefit of brewed soy sauce is that it provides a savory balance and meaty richness, without overpowering the other ingredients.

Stir the casserole often as it microwaves so the rice and beef cook evenly and thoroughly. In between stirring, prepare a tossed green salad and set out a basket of rolls to complete this richly flavored, hearty entree.

VEGETABLE-BEEF CASSEROLE

¾ pound ground beef
¾ teaspoon garlic powder
2 medium crook neck squash, cut in half lengthwise, then cut crosswise into ¼ inch slices
1 small onion, chopped
1 can (14½ oz.) tomatoes, quartered
½ cup uncooked rice
¼ cup Kikkoman Soy Sauce
1½ teaspoons basil, crumbled

Crumble beef into 2-quart microwave-safe baking dish; sprinkle with garlic. Cover; microwave on High 3 minutes. Stir in squash, onion, tomatoes, rice, soy sauce, basil, and ½ cup water.

Cover and microwave on High 27 minutes, or until rice is tender; stir frequently.
Makes 4 servings.

"Cat in the Hat" One Of Giant Balloons At Downtown Parade

To commemorate the "Cat in the Hat's" return to Springfield for the 1994 "Parade of the Big Balloons," his likeness has been incorporated into the design of the souvenir sweatshirts.

With the approval of Mrs. Audrey Geisel, wife of the late Theodore Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss), the famous feline appears holding a bunch of balloons, including some of the shapes which will join him Friday, November 25th, in downtown Springfield.

The sweatshirts, white or jade, will be available Wednesday, November 16th through Friday, December 23rd in all Springfield Institutions for Savings branches, Made in America at Baystate West, or by mail order.

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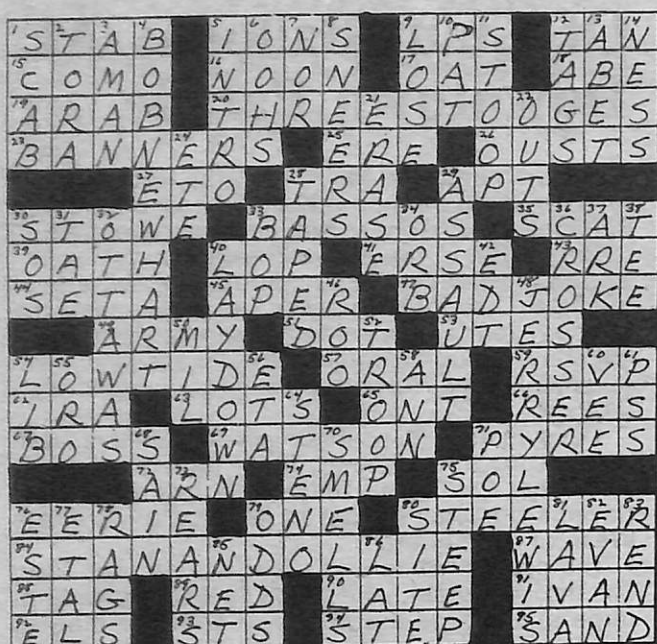
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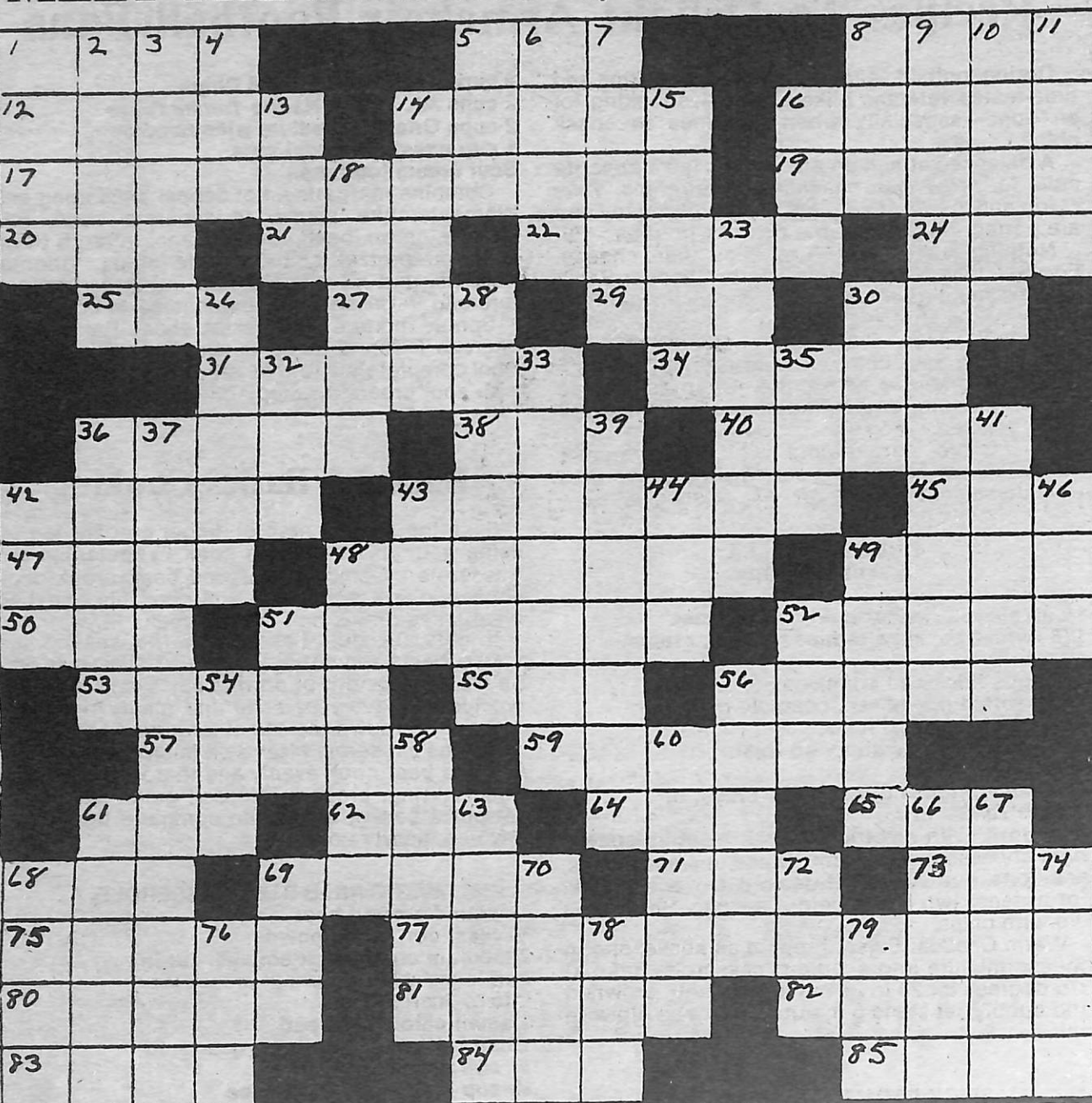
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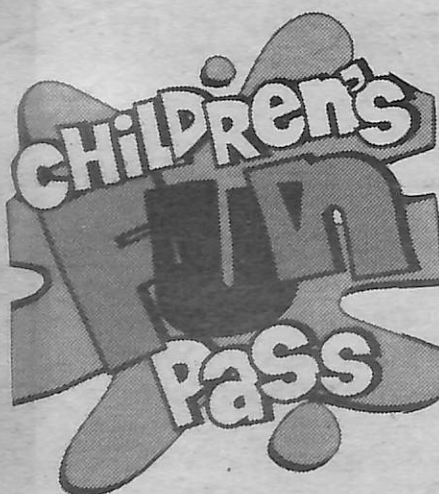
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Victorian Holiday Festival Planned By Springfield Library & Museums

The Springfield Library & Museums will present "VICTORIAN HOLIDAY," a series of special exhibits and activities with a 19th-century theme. All activities are at the Central Library and four museums at the Quadrangle in downtown Springfield.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages six to 18, and free for children under six years of age. These prices include admission to all four museums; however, activities with a separate admission fee are so noted below.

EXHIBITIONS

Dollhouses and Room Boxes from Private Collections, December 1st through January 8th, at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum. Nearly a dozen collectors from throughout New England will exhibit their dollhouses and room boxes. They will range from a soft-sculpture Old Woman in the Shoe to a Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) room box to a 15-room Victorian home.

The Exquisite Victorian Doll Collection of Maude Brewer Lang, December 1st through January 29th, at the Springfield Science Museum. When Maude Brewer Lang was a child, her stated ambition was to have more dolls in her collection than Queen Victoria did in hers. By the time she died in 1963, Lang's 700-plus dolls far surpassed the monarch's 132. Lang herself will reappear in the person of Science Museum volunteer Laurie McDonnell, who will speak to visitors about "her" dolls on Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd and 4th. McDonnell has been researching transcripts of Lang's actual lectures.

Victorian Gingerbread Houses, December 1st through December 4th, at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. Whet your holiday appetite with a look at Victorian homes created by area high school students and professional chefs amid traditional "Victorian Holiday" decorations. Westfield culinary artist Jenny Bycenski and her students are creating an entire Victorian village.

Tabletops: Settings and Scenes, December 1st through December 5th, at the Museum of Fine Arts. Twenty imaginative tables showing off the finest in furnishings and antiques from Valley homes with themes ranging from a wartime welcome home to a Victorian Teddy Bear Wedding. A special feature will be the Victorian ladies' sitting room by Southampton Antiques as furnished by them for the film "The Age of Innocence."

Mitten Tree at the Central Library. "Victorian Holiday" visitors can bring in hats, mittens, and scarves which will be donated to city shelters and public schools. The library will also display books on Victorian dollhouses, dolls, and holiday ornaments.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

* **Tuesday, November 29th**

"Victorian Holiday" Gala Dinner (\$75, \$60 for members of the Springfield Library & Museums). Call (413) 789-3871, ext. 266, for reservations.

* **Wednesday, November 30th**

7:00 p.m.: "Christmas in the Nineteenth Cen-

tury," a free concert by the American Vocal Arts Quintet (Central Library).

* **Saturday, December 3rd**

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Mrs. Santa will be on hand to greet those who bring a scarf, hat, or pair of mittens for the Mitten Tree (Central Library).

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.: Display by artisan Lee-Ann Chellis Wessel of Demi-Tasse Miniatures and Dolls in Northampton (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.: Make your own miniature furniture (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.: Have your silhouette portrait done by artist Marion Hartel of Amherst (\$5 per portrait; Connecticut Valley Historical Museum).

12:30 p.m.: Gerwick Puppets will perform *Midwinter Magic*, the story of a little boy and girl who stay awake to experience all the magical fantasy on the longest night of the year (Science Museum; \$1 for "Victorian Holiday" ticket holders).

12:30 p.m.: "The Ghosts of Springfield's Christmases Past." Historian Frances Gagnon will talk about Charles Dickens' visit to Springfield and other Victorian highlights of the city (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

1:00 to 3:30 p.m.: Families can make a "count-down call" for their own tree (Connecticut Valley Historical Museum).

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.: "A Christmas Carol" video festival (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

1:30 p.m.: Cile Bellefleur Burbige, nationally-acclaimed cake decorating artist, will share her techniques in a slide lecture (Museum of Fine Arts).

2:30 p.m.: Robert King will tell stories of Hanukkah, Christmas, and the Winter Solstice (Central Library, Children's Room).

3:00 p.m.: Victorian Afternoon Tea with Carol Timpanelli of the Royal Tea Company; featuring "Antiques for the Table" slide lecture by author Sheila Chefetz (owner of Country Dining Room Antiques in the Berkshires) who was featured in recent issues of "Victoria" and "Bon Appetit." (Museum of Fine Arts; \$25; call (413) 739-3871, ext. 266, for reservations).

* **Sunday, December 4th**

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.: Brunch with Santa followed by Kit & Kaboodle performing funny, not-your-everyday Christmas songs mixed with magic. Youngsters can join in the fun and help them "Wake Up Santa." Photo opportunity with Father Christmas (Museum of Fine Arts; \$7 children, \$12 adults; call (413) 739-3871, ext. 266, for reservations).

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.: Display by artisan Lee-Ann Chellis Wellis of Demi-Tasse Miniatures and Dolls in Northampton (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

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Community Theatre Review...

St. Martha Players Delight Patrons With Fun-Filled "Annie"

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

From the first poignant lyrics of "Maybe," the audience knows it's got something ... it's got "Annie."

The St. Martha Players opened their 1994-95 season with a reprise of a show that was first done on this stage in 1984, and the perennially popular musical comedy was no less a hit today than it was 10 years ago.

The story—drawn from yesteryear's comic strips—is the story of curly-topped Little Orphan Annie (Laura Normand), her shaggy orphaned dog Sandy (Stevin Potvin), and Daddy Warbucks (Jerry Millette), who befriends and ultimately adopts her, whisking her out of the clutches of the villainous Miss Hannigan (Sue Vinick), mistress of the orphanage.

A gaggle of giggling girls peppers the cast from start to finish—a ragtag bunch that mixes talent

and enthusiasm in equal doses, charming the daylights from an audience of friends, family, and longtime fans of the St. Martha Players.

Laura Normand, in close-cropped bangs and straight auburn hair, lacked the carrot-colored look of the original Annie, but after one flash of her great smile and the first sadly optimistic notes of "Maybe" (when Annie speculates about finding her long-lost parents), who cares what color or cut her hair is? By the time she belts out "Tomorrow," she's got the audience in the palm of her hand.

Frollicking with a ragtag troupe of fellow orphans, Annie plots a getaway in a laundry bag and

comes up on a street corner, where she meets up with another stray, Sandy, who's about to be bagged himself (by the dog catcher).

In the background is Miss Hannigan, the boozy, bamboozling, middle-aged matron who's dripping with "Little Girls," one of the show-stopping numbers of this production. There's little doubt Sue Vinick had a whale of a time performing the Hannigan role; her energy talent, and sense of comedy radiate from within.

By the time Vinick pairs up with Robert Harrison as her indigent, jail-prone brother Rooster

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12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.: Miniature furniture artisan John Maichack will display and sell his work (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.: Make your own menorah with Archie Nahman (\$1 materials fee); "The Secret Garden" and "A Christmas Carol" videos (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

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12:30 p.m.: "The Ghosts of Springfield's Christmases Past." Historian Frances Gagnon will talk about Charles Dickens' visit to Springfield and other Victorian highlights of the city (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

1:00 p.m.: History of dollhouses, a lecture by George Childs, owner of Childs' Toys and Hobbies in Hadley (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

1:30 p.m.: "The Secret Garden"; soft-sculpture artist Meredith Smith will demonstrate materials and methods used in creating her fabric fantasy, which will be on display (George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum).

2:00 p.m.: "House and Garden: The Architectural Eye of Edith Wharton," a slide lecture by Thomas Hayes, former president and administrator of the Edith Wharton Restoration in Lenox (Museum of Fine Arts).

2:00 p.m.: Lecture on the tradition of decorating the tree; historian Frances Gagnon will show ornaments from her own collection (Connecticut Valley Historical Museum).

* Monday, December 5th

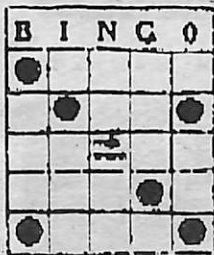
Fine Arts Council Luncheon, featuring culinary historian Rick Ellis, designer of the food displays in the film "The Age of Innocence"; \$20 (lecture only), \$35 (lecture and luncheon). Call (413) 732-6092 for information and reservations.

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and his floozie, Lilly St. Regis (Kathy Renaud), in "Easy Street," the show is on a roll.

We could say that the solo work of the young performers was not quite as strong as it might have been (their ensemble numbers were great), and that Daddy Warbucks needed a bit more power in numbers such as "N.Y.C." and "Something Was Missing," but it did not make a significant impact on the overall performance. (Warbucks radiated a gentleness that could win the hearts of a dozen orphans.)

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Agawam Poetry...

Thanksgiving Over At Grandpa's

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

*I loved it at Grandpa's on Thanksgiving Day,
He lived in the country, on a mountain, far away;
Grandma wasn't there anymore, baking pies,
They told me she's with God, in the heavenly skies;*

*The logs from the wood-shed, burned brightly all day,
And the children were all warned, to stay safely away;
The aroma of the turkey, and the pies and the cakes,
The tarts and ginger cookies, that Aunt Johanna bakes;*

*Her cranberry bread, and maple pudding tarts,
Her talent was unequalled in the culinary arts;
I always was favored to get the frosting bowl clean,
When finished, it was the cleanest bowl, you ever had seen;*

*Uncle Martin took us to the barn, when he milked the cows,
And let us watch this miracle, as close as bossy allows;
The sheep-dog kept his flock in control, with great care,
Uncle Joe let me take him to the repast to share;*

*He and I were so close, he sat right by my side,
For he knew I always had veggies, I wanted to hide;
All the nuts and the fruits came from out of the farm,
But, the tarts filled with blackberries, had their own special charm;*

*Grandpa had always said, "The Grace Before Meals,"
And the chapel in the vale, would echo its peals;
We gave thanks to the Lord, for our bountiful living,
And with reverence, offered praise to God for Thanksgiving;*

*Then we gathered by the hearth, with the embers all aglow,
And the warming effect of the fire, made us drowsy,
I know;
So, the chestnuts were found, and marshmallows, too,
And we quickly got spirit, and bright-eyed anew;*

*The sky was dappled by afternoon, and stenciled flakes flew by,
They set the scene for Christmas, with fluffy flakes from the sky;
We dashed outside to feel the flakes tickle our cheeks and nose,
But we tarried too long in the snow, and our fingers almost froze;*

*Well, Thanksgiving at Grandpa's was a memorable day,
But the best is yet to come, for Christmas is on its way;
We'll be thankful to God today, for His infinite care,
And with all of His children, our blessings, we'll share;*

*The Indians and the Pilgrims, gave us Thanksgiving,
This should be the way of our every-day living;
We should help one another, every day that we live,
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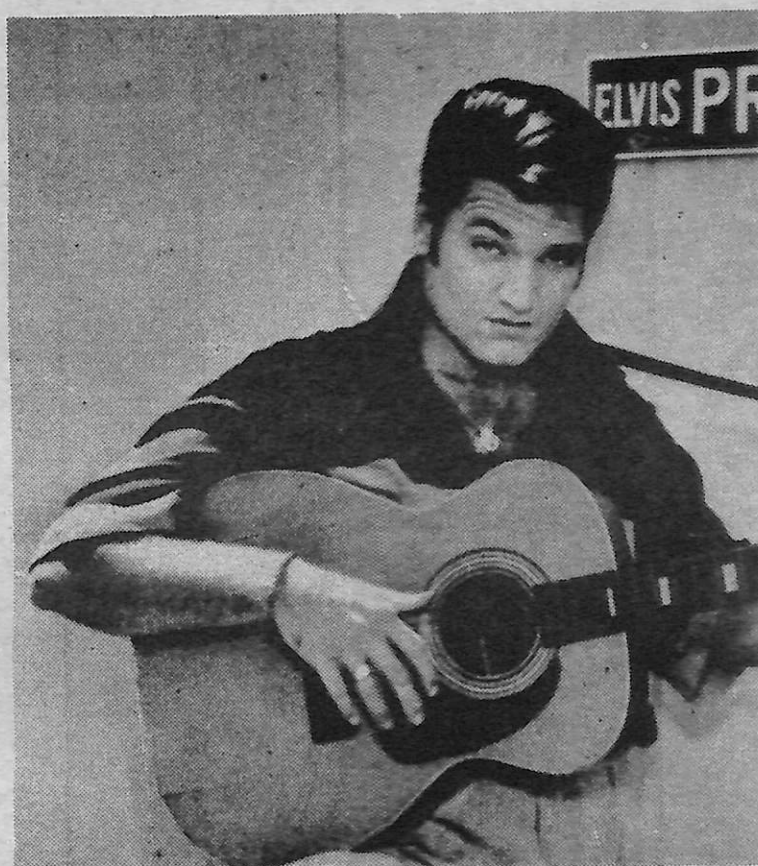
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The focal point of the exhibit is a case of guns made at the Springfield Armory, which developed a world-famous reputation for excellence. Firearms from the museum's own collection, as well as from private collections, are displayed in three sections along with advertisements, bills, letters, and other documents tracing this important piece of American industrial history.

The first section covers the period prior to the American Revolution through the establishment of the Armory, including Shays' Rebellion.

Another section is devoted to the Springfield Armory (1794-1968), its contributions to the arms industry, and to industrialization. This section includes the area's large and small private firearms manufacturers and those companies which produced arms-related products such as cartridge boxes, cannons, and swords. The popularity of sport shooting in Springfield in the late 19th-century is covered as well.

The final section surveys the years since the Armory stopped manufacturing, the re-use of its buildings, and (most recently) the relationship between Springfield and the Royal Armouries.

The exhibit is curated by Gail Colglazier, the museum's interim director, and Smith & Wesson historian Roy Jinks.

The museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children ages six to 18, and free for children under six, and provides entry into all four museums at the Quadrangle.

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Agawam Poetry...

Thanksgiving Soliloquy

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

*Let's all join together in prayer for Thanksgiving,
And thank God for His blessings of copious living;
He gave us life, and strength to survive,
Let's thank Him for the privilege of being alive;*

*Give thanks for our homes, warm and secure,
His help through adversity, and courage to endure;
And our families who love us, "Come what may,"
Let's gather in love on Thanksgiving Day;*

*Give thanks for the glorious Wonders of Earth,
Revere His creation, and hold in high worth,
The songs of the birds, the mystical seas,
The snow-capped mountains, the magnificent trees;*

*All families together, with God as their guest,
Give thanks for their bounty, and a day, richly blest;
Open your hearts, and generously share,
Let some lonely person, know that you care;*

*Let Thanksgiving Day live forever in our hearts,
Make sure our love for each other, never departs;
And give thanks every day, not just one day a year,
Giving thanks to our Savior, for all we hold dear.*

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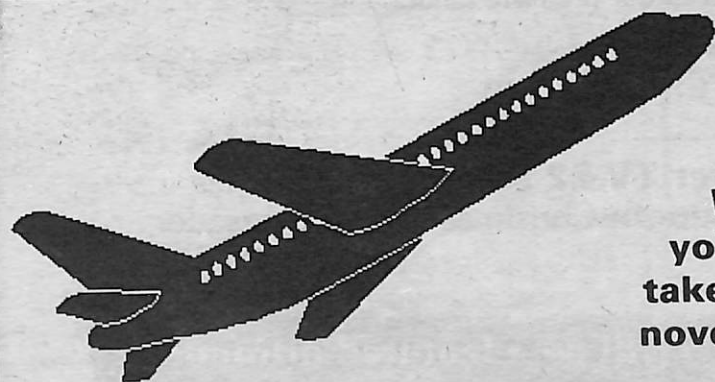
*We should all be as amicable, as in days of yore,
And all things of Earth, we should be thankful for;
Thanksgiving should be all days, of all of the ages,
Then America's annals would be filled with proud pages.*



SPRINGFIELD'S FIREARMS INDUSTRY spurred a strong interest in sporting events. This group is dressed for a hunting trip and includes D.B. Wesson, co-founder of Smith & Wesson. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, pictured are an M-1 Garand Rifle (top) made in the U.S. Armory in Springfield during WWII; a rifle musket, made in Springfield; and a 6-shot revolver made by Mass. Arms Company, Chicopee.



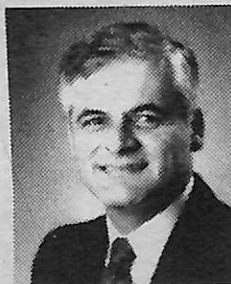
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Education

Town's Teachers Air Grievances Over State's Educational Reform Act To Melconian

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Last Friday a group of Agawam teachers met with State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) in the Agawam High cafeteria to air their concerns over the recertification process mandated for teachers as part of education reform.

About 60 teachers gathered to vent their frustration over a system they claim will penalize teachers who have earned multiple teaching certifications, as well as forcing experienced teachers with advanced degrees to earn the equivalent of another college degree over the next five years.

AHS English teacher Sandra Hines set up the meeting with Melconian after she called the senator to discuss the recertification issue.

"I am going to de-certify myself by running out of time," Mrs. Hines said. "I have five certifications."

"You're Not Very Good"

"Basically, the legislature said to a whole profession, 'You're not very good,'" AHS Principal Russell Furtado said.

Melconian said she wanted to work with teachers to develop solutions to the problem. She suggested a committee of teachers be appointed to work with her.

Melconian said she would be willing to file legislation on the teachers' behalf based on her work with the committee.

Several teachers spoke on the effect the recertification program would have on teachers who are certified to teach in more than one subject area.

Under the process developed by the state Department of Education, there isn't enough time for teachers to recertify in multiple areas, the teachers charged. And some may not have opportunities available to them in some of the less popular content areas (for example, Russian language certification).

Veteran teachers have always relied on having multiple certifications as a protection against being bumped out of a job during layoffs. In the past, teachers have been able to keep their jobs because they were certified in more than one content area.

Until the passage of the state's Education Reform Act of 1993, teachers in Massachusetts received lifetime certification upon completion of the degree programs required by the Department of Education.

However, under education reform, teachers will be required to earn 120 hours of academic credit over the next five years in order to recertify themselves in their primary field. For teachers with multiple certifications, an additional 30 hours of credit will be required for each area of certification.

Demeans Whole Profession

Furtado said the new system demeans the whole profession. He pointed out that no other pro-



STATE SENATOR LINDA J. MELCONIAN discusses teacher recertification with about 60 of the town's teaching staff last Friday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

fession requires its members to requalify every five years.

"People are going to be cashing around these points (one academic hour equals one point in the recertification process) rather than doing what they do best - teaching," Furtado said.

According to him, most of the staff at AHS holds multiple certifications. Furtado said he would need 90 additional hours of credit to hold certification in the three academic areas he has taught - history, English, and geography. Furtado has nine certifications in administration and teaching.

Teachers have the option of earning their points by attending college courses (at their own expense), or by taking advantage of professional development workshops and conferences paid for by the School Department.

According to Furtado, AHS teachers Linda Sasso and James White have volunteered to form a committee of teachers to meet with Melconian.

Academic Net In Place At Agawam's Schools To Help Students

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A safety net now formally exists to keep students who are at risk of failing from "falling through the cracks" of the town's education system, according to Paul Cavallo, Agawam High Guidance Department chairman.

At the November 15th meeting of the School Committee, Cavallo presented his three component plan to serve students who do not require state-mandated Special Education. These students are the ones in danger of failing or might have modifications to their academic programs recommended by the Special Education evaluating team.

Monitor Their Progress

Cavallo said the guidance counselor assigned to the student will be responsible to work with the classroom teacher on the modifications to the student's program and will monitor the student's progress on a monthly basis.

When a student moves from one school to another, a meeting will be held between appropriate staff and the guidance counselors so the student will not be a "fish out of water in September," Cavallo said.

The second part of the plan calls for the Guidance Department to get involved in the Teacher Assistance Teams (TAT) that function at the elementary, middle, and junior high levels. A TAT has been established at AHS and teachers are being trained to serve as a support system. The teachers will develop strategies to help a teacher who has identified a student as being at risk of classroom failure.

A third component of the plan will have guidance counselors closely monitoring students who receive warning notices in mid-semester. Cavallo said the counselors will obtain weekly progress reports, encourage students to get extra help, and will set-up meetings with parents and students.

"We're looking for a tremendous amount of support from parents so that the child doesn't fall through the cracks," Cavallo said.

Should Have Been In Place

School Committee member Louise David said the program could and should have been in place for years.

"It's a pity it practically took an 'act of God' (state's Education Reform Act) to put this program in place," Mrs. David said. "It's about time we got on track. I have seen situations where modifications in the classroom should have been done for years and weren't."

Cavallo said many of the strategies formalized in the plan have been "going on for years and have been worth their weight in gold."

Cavallo said a problem surfaced last year that stemmed from a complaint by the parent of a student who did not receive the modifications recommended.

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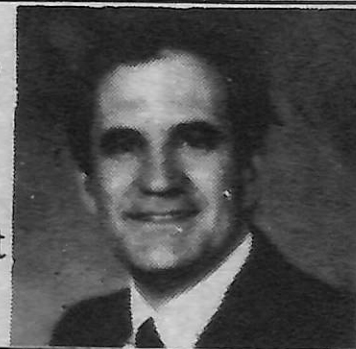
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In response to a question by School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau, Cavallo said the principal of each school is responsible for making sure the modifications are being provided.

Mrs. Galarneau said she would like to see the assistant principals notify parents when a student

is disciplined for skipping class. In this way, she said, parents will know there is a problem without having to wait until the first report card.

"I hope the monitoring will reduce the failure rate," Mrs. Galarneau said.

According to Mrs. Galarneau, the failure rate ranges between 22 and 62 percent in some classrooms at AHS. "Sixty-two percent is totally unacceptable," she said.

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Hollinger is a member of the class of 1996, majoring in wildlife biology at the University. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1988.

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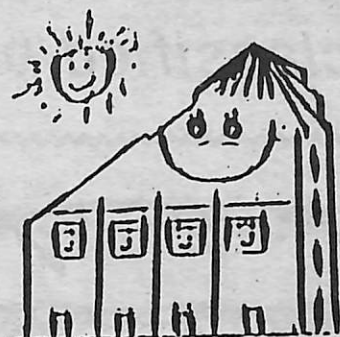
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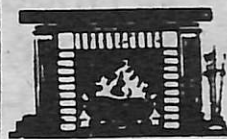
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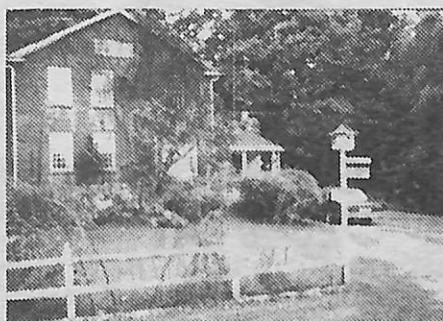
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School Committee Wants Workshop On ECP

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite opposition from School Committee Chairman Christopher C. Johnson, the School Committee will reconsider the issue of how the tuition money raised by the Early Childhood Center will be spent.

Two years ago, the School Department began charging tuition for the peer partners who attend the pre-school program with children with disabilities.

At that time, the School Committee agreed that tuition would be spent within the Early Childhood Program to supplement funding from the School Department.

Several parents spoke in favor of keeping the funds raised by tuition at the Early Childhood Center. Parent Paul Tangredi quoted a study which found that for every dollar spent in pre-school education, there was a savings of \$3 in avoided costs down the road.

"The best way to guarantee the best return on your dollars is to continue to reallocate those tuition dollars to the Early Childhood Program," Tangredi said.

At the Tuesday, November 15th meeting, the four school committee members present overruled Johnson's refusal as chairman to call a workshop to discuss how the tuition should be spent.

Johnson said if the chairman doesn't call for a workshop session, four committee members would have to agree to call the meeting.

"Set it up for whenever you want," Johnson said.

Immediately, members Roberta Doering, Linda Galarneau, Louise David, and Teresa Kozloski overruled Johnson with a unanimous agreement to hold a workshop session in January.

"We hope you'll come," Mrs. Doering said to Johnson.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder suggested the committee either form a working committee to resolve the issue or assign him the job of resolving it.

Ryder said he would meet with parents, teachers, and administrators to discuss how the money could best be used within the Early Childhood Program.

Establish A Separate Cost Center

Ryder said he would also establish a separate cost center for the Early Childhood Center so that the actual costs of the program would be clear.

At present, costs for the center are included in the Special Education budget.

Ryder said he would also consider whether the tuition should be increased or decreased.

Johnson said the best course of action would be for Ryder to sit down with everyone involved and make recommendations in the form of a resolution to be placed on the School Committee's agenda.

However, committee members were not willing to go along with Johnson's suggestion.

"Before this becomes a formal resolution, I would like to explore more than one option being presented to me," Mrs. David said.

Mrs. Galarneau said she wanted a workshop to gather background information and to explore the expenditures at the center with Special Education Director John Brosnan, and the parents of children enrolled in the program.

Mrs. David reminded Ryder that the committee was still waiting for a report from Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest comparing the costs of the Early Childhood Program from one year to the next.

The issue of how tuition money should be spent at the Early Childhood Center became the focus of controversy last month when School Committee approval was sought for the purchase of \$10,000 worth of high tech computers for use at the Early Childhood Center.

Purchase Approved

At the October 25th meeting, the School Committee approved the purchase of the computers in a 4 to 3 decision.

Voting in opposition were Susan Pettazoni, Louise David, and Scott Macey.

Parent Joann McGeoghan said it was unfair that pre-schoolers would have access to high tech computers while high school students were forced to work on outdated equipment.

Calling the proposal for the computers "wish list" items, Mrs. Pettazoni said, "This should be at the bottom of the wish list. We have to start with the meat and potatoes and buy dessert later."

Mrs. David had suggested spending the tuition money on the supplies included in the School Department budget for the Early Childhood Center.

STCC Announces Local Phil Theta Kappa Inductees At November 6th Ceremony

Area residents were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society at Springfield Technical Community College on Sunday, November 6th, according to STCC President, Dr. Andrew M. Scibelli.

The ceremony was followed by a reception for the scholars, their families, faculty, and staff. Executive Vice President/Academic Affairs John H. Dunn presided at the candle-lit ceremony.

Among the inductees were the following local residents:

FROM AGAWAM: Robert Tremblay, Denise Gilbert, Cheryl-Ann Calabrese, Joseph Lynch, Nancy Rosner, Jane Trevethan, Jennifer Cavanaugh, Cynthia Moore, and Linda Murray.

FROM FEEDING HILLS: Denise Von Marschall, Diane Circosta-Aspinall, Alice Bottasso, Daniel Breivogel, Sean O'Clair, and Laurel Ross-Gormley.

The Alpha Psi Sigma chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College was established at STCC in 1993. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is earned by those students who have completed at least 30 graduation credits with a minimum quality point average of 3.0.

Scibelli said that 100 students earned the right to join the society during the current fall semester, and 100 became eligible during the spring 1994 semester.

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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Internships

An important part of your learning experience can be an internship in which a student works for a private company or other organization outside a student's school organization. Internships can be used to gain experience in your particular field of interest.

By working as an intern, you gain practical, hands-on experience that can be helpful in your future career. Some internships are paid—these are usually known as externships or co-ops. Some types of internships pay for your room and board, usually through a stipend, while others you do for free.

The length of an internship may vary, most lasting for a semester. Typically, you receive academic credit for your internship.

The major benefits of an internship are the contacts you make in the working world. These contacts can open leads to a job offer upon graduation. The best way to handle an internship is to treat it exactly as you would any real job—where punctuality and personal appearance are important and performance counts.

Don't worry about trying to secure an internship until you've enrolled in college. For now, it's best to learn all you can about the internship programs at the college you are considering. You'll want to know if there is a formal internship program, if any student can participate, and if participants receive credit toward graduation.

Try to talk to students who have completed in-

ternships—you'll want to know if they enjoyed their jobs, how far they traveled from the college, and if they found their internship on their own or through school.

IMPORTANT DATE

Financial Aid Night - Thursday, December 15, 1994, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., High School cafeteria.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES - If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

November 28th: Bryant, 12:00 noon.

November 29th: Roger Williams, 10:00 a.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS - See your counselor for more information.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts is offering a number of scholarships.

1. Education-Teaching Scholarship (\$600) - Open to a senior in a Mass. high school who will enroll in a four-year college in a teacher training program. Deadline: March 1, 1995.

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4. Music Scholarships (\$500) - Open to college-level majors in piano, instrument, music education, or music therapy. Deadline: February 15, 1995.

Schering/Key Asthma Athlete of the Year Scholarship - This program awards college scholarships to selected high school seniors who, despite having asthma, have excelled at academic and athletics. See your counselor before December 15th if interested.

Rensselaer Awards of Excellence - Scholarships of \$20,000 will be available to selected high school students who plan to major in communication, psychology or science and society at R.P.I.

Local Nursery School To Host Exhibit

Springfield Day Nursery will host an exhibit at the Eastfield Mall from Friday, November 25th to Saturday, December 24th.

Volunteers will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 each (six for \$5) with proceeds to benefit the Springfield Day Nursery. First prize is a three night/four day trip for two to Disneyworld in Orlando, including round-trip airfare and car rental. Second prize is a full set of Rebel golf clubs and third prize is a \$100 gift certificate.

The exhibit will be located in front of the mall

entrance to Filene's. Volunteers will be on hand to distribute literature and a full display of services of the Springfield Day Nursery will be featured at the exhibit.

Springfield Day Nursery, established in 1883, is a non-profit child care agency offering a variety of programs that meet the needs of the children and families in our community.

For more information, please call Andrea Luppi at 733-2181.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 28th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, buttered carrot sticks, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, November 29th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, Dutch chocolate cake with butter cream icing, milk.

Wednesday, November 30th: Meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned broccoli cuts, bread & butter, pudding with whipped topping or pears in syrup, milk.

Thursday, December 1st: Turkey-gravy on whipped potatoes, niblet corn, wheat bread & butter, chocolate oatmeal bar, milk.

Friday, December 2nd: Toasted pepperoni and mozzarella cheese sandwich with tomato sauce topping, buttered seven-minute cabbage, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

Junior High PTO Set To Meet November 28

The next Junior High School PTO meeting will be held on Monday, November 28th, in the cafeteria.

The members of the PTO hope that parents of students in the seventh and eighth grades will make an effort to attend.

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Multicultural Club At AHS Celebrates Cultural Diversity

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As this year's advisor to the Agawam High School Multicultural Club, Spanish teacher Mary Jean Dromey sees the group as a chance for students to "recognize and celebrate our cultural diversity."

Comprised of about 25 students, the club holds its twice-monthly meetings on Tuesday afternoons in Room 37.

As president of the club, Pat Napoli said, "I'd like to get the school more involved in multicultural issues."

Carmen Gonzalez is the club's vice-president and Rashawn Brookins is the secretary.

This year, the club will sponsor a bake sale on parent's night to finance their activities throughout the year. The club hopes to hold a dance in February and is looking into bringing speakers to the school to increase the students' knowledge about each other's cultures.

Pat, who describes his heritage as Italian and Negro, "is 100 percent proud to be an adopted Italiano and Frenchman."

Pat explained that he doesn't describe himself as "black" because there are several kinds of black heritage.

"Negro" is not a swear—it's o.k. to say it. Negro is another type of African cultural group," Pat said.

While he doesn't see racism as a "major attitude" at AHS, Pat said, "It can be a recurring problem."

Pat uses humor as much as possible to deflect racial slurs and finds talking to people is the best way to deal with racial stereotyping.

An admirer of the late martial arts master Bruce Lee, Pat said he has adopted Lee's philosophy as his own: "You can't change people with your fists."

The club is looking to the community to support their efforts to expand multiculturalism in Agawam. "Any business people who can help the club, please call the school," Pat said.

MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Multicultural Club see the group as a chance for students to recognize and celebrate cultural diversity." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Adult Education Accepting Registration For Winter Session

Early registration for the winter term of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings (November 28th, 29th, and 30th) from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School guidance office.

Registration will also be held on Wednesday, January 4th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and during the first week of classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (January 9th, 10th, and 11th) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School guidance office.

Classes will begin on Monday, January 9th, and end in early April. The tuition charge is \$55 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel the course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered for the winter term:

Mondays:

- * Academic courses for high school diploma
- Typing I
- Lotus 1-2-3
- Chaircaning

Tuesdays:
Converational Italian Part II
Algebra I
Accounting I
Word Perfect II/Desktop Publishing
Intro to Investments & Financial Planning (Day subject to change)

Wednesdays:
* Academic courses for high school diploma
Algebra II
Chemistry
Word Perfect I
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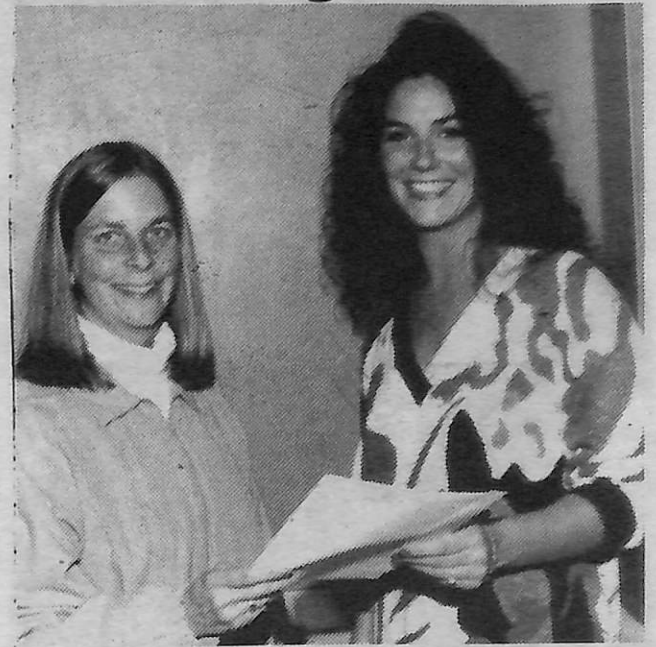
Middle School Intramural Sports Champs



MEMBERS OF THE Middle School's 6th grade intramural football winners (photo below) and 5th grade soccer winners. TOP PHOTO: Back row - Mat O'Neill, Adam Tapply, Mat McGrath, Desiree Marsili, Angelina Cortese, Courtney Nowill, Fran Barrington, and teacher Traci Trudel. Front row - Mat Ligenza, Ricky Cilimberg, Kelly Cassidy, Shannon Malanson, Elizebeth Perry, and Jim Powell. PHOTO RIGHT: Back row - Ryan Buynicki, Tony LeClair, Mat Dion, Ryan Malanson, Jusin Santinello, and teacher Leslie Martel. Front row - Mike Hill, Chris Tedone, Rob Parker, Cara Ann DiVergilio, and Rebekah Adam. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AHS Orange & Brown



THE SEPTEMBER ORANGE & BROWN "Outstanding Performance Award" goes to Sandy O'Keefe (right). Sandy is a lifelong resident of Agawam. After graduating from AHS, she went on to Westfield State College to become a certified English teacher. AHS was fortunate to have Sandy return here to practice teach with Joanne Brown. Sandy has been a substitute teacher for the town's schools since 1992. She has been recognized for her ability to deal with students effectively, maintain a strong discipline code, knows her material well, and is versatile enough to handle all aspects of teaching. Sandy is receiving the award from committee member Barbara Stevens. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Students On HCC Honors List

One hundred fifty-nine students were recognized recently for outstanding achievement at Holyoke Community College's Fall Honors Convocation.

Students must have completed 30 or more semester hours and maintained a 3.5 G.P.A. to be honored at this event. They represent the top two percent of the total enrollment at the college.

Area residents receiving recognition included: From Agawam: Jennifer Lynn Cross, Laury A. Frazier, Maria LaRochelle, Philippa J. Owen, Richard A. Schoolcraft, and Sharon L. Wozny.

From Feeding Hills: Karen M. Carrens, Donna L. Palivoda, and Roxanne Williams.

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THE HAPPY MEMBERS of the Head Start Program now located in the Old Center Library on Main Street. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (center), Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder (left of Johnson), School Committee member Roberta Doering (right of Johnson), and Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE OPEN HOUSE OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM now located in the Old Center Library. From left - Carrie Egerton, Sarah Beard, Ellie Hollister, Joan Piper, Maggie Adams, Lisa Bovat, Barbara Glanville, Sherry Elander, Donna Moccio, Maureen Voshburgh, and Jane Wood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Head Start Program Opens In Old Center Library

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Westfield Head Start Program recently showcased their expansion into Agawam with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at their newly-renovated quarters in the Old Center Library on Main Street, Agawam Center.

Parents, administrators, teachers, and town officials gathered to celebrate the program's new home in a building that has been vacant for many years.

The federally-funded program serving pre-schoolers and their families first came to Agawam last March. It located in temporary quarters at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Head Start provides pre-school education and comprehensive family support services at no cost to income eligible families in Westfield, West Springfield, and the lower hill towns.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder said the Center Library was an ideal home for the program.

"It's a plus for us to have them here," Ryder said. "Anything they do to help the children get ready for school is a benefit to us."

Through the efforts of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, the program found a permanent home in the vacant Old Center Library on Main Street.

At Johnson's request last spring, Town Council

approved leasing the vacant building to Head Start for a period of three years.

Under the terms of the lease, Head Start agreed to pay the town \$15,000 to make repairs to the building, including making the bathrooms handicap accessible, installing a handicap accessible ramp and door at the rear of the property, updating and repairing the heating system, repairing the main entry door, and repairing or replacing windows.

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THE WORLD FAMOUS Harlem Wizards will perform at Agawam High School on Thursday, December 8th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sacred Heart Cub Scouts Visit *Union News*

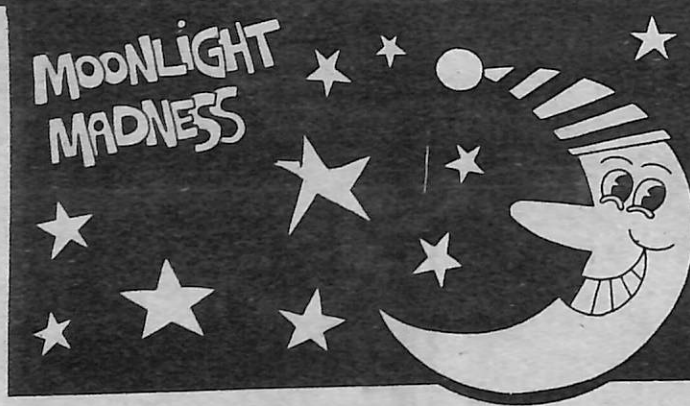


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Many people will practically "laugh their heads off" as often, impromptu, and theatrical-style humor includes well known community members, students, high school faculty, and parents playing the game.

This show is a delightful event, rim-rocking and dazzling dunking, trickery, and teamwork that will provoke you to "ooh and aah" and exciting and entertaining competitive moments against people from our town.

There will also be an audience participation, halftime show, a free postgame autograph session, and refreshments and Wizards souvenirs.

For tickets and further information, call Joann McGeogan at 786-1982 or Nancy Melbourne at 786-1418.

New Support Group Available For Parents Of Children With Emotional & Mental Illness

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Springfield Central High School's Madrigal Singers will perform Christmas carols while students from the Springfield Day Nursery and members of the Springfield Golden Age Club place the first handmade ornaments on the Tree.

Now a local tradition, the Children's Giving Tree, sponsored by the Milton Bradley Company, has provided more than 180,000 holiday presents to disadvantaged children for the past 10 years.

Three local charities benefit from the Giving Tree; the Community United Way of Pioneer Valley, the Salvation Army Toy for Joy and the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. Representatives from each organization will join Milton Bradley Chairman George Ditomassi for the opening-day festivities.

For more information, please contact Sharon Reis at Milton Bradley Company at 525-6411, ext. 2800.

Springfield Museums Opening At Noontime On Friday, Nov. 25th

The four museums at the Quadrangle (the Springfield Science Museum, the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, and the Museum of Fine Arts) will be open from noon until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving.

Admission is free on Fridays with a current Springfield City Library card.

Several special activities have been planned:

At the Science Museum: 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. - planetarium program: *Sky Show*; tickets, \$1; 2:30 p.m. - science demonstration; at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Children's Craft Workshop: Make your own pierced tin holiday ornaments, ages six through 12, ongoing 20-minute sessions; \$1.25 materials fee; held in the education building across the driveway from the museum.

For information, call (413) 739-3871.

GRANGER SCHOOL'S PTO recently concluded its fall fundraiser with an ice cream party. RAFFLE winners included (top photo) David Rosenberg, Raffaella Macciomei, Larry Locke, Jacqueline Suadabra, Matthew Roberts, and Ashley Weir. TOP SELLERS included, from left -Daniel Normandeau, Anthony Sarnelli, and Chris Chaderjian. Missing: Jennifer Boch. Advertiser News photos

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Sports

Central Beats Comp; Brownies Share Title...

Thanksgiving Turkey & West Side

West Side Still Formidable Foe

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

No team during the season is scouted more closely by the Agawam High Brownies than the Terriers of West Springfield. The reason, of course, is simple. This game is the most important contest of the year.

It's the Annual Thanksgiving Day donnybrook. Not only do the Brownie scouts attend the West Side games, they also watch tapes of the Terriers in action. The other day, the coaches were viewing a video of the West Springfield/Northampton game.

Here's their take on the Turkey Day opponent. West Side runs off the old style, wing T, according to Agawam Head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli. "They just try to run the ball down your throat," Vec notes. Then he added, "They're also a hard-nosed, meat and potatoes type of team. They won't try to fool you with any trick plays. Vec complimented Terrier mentor Jack Murdoch, calling him a tough coach out of the old school.

Four Offensive Weapons

West Side has four potent weapons on offense. First, there's 5'10", 150-pound senior quarterback Josh Blizzard. He runs the wing T well. He also runs well himself, utilizing his quickness rather than speed to be effective. He is, however, reluctant to put the ball in the air. Perhaps that's because he has two fine backs to carry the mail.

One of them is Randy Miller. He's a 6', 180-pound senior who is described as being a powerful, straight ahead runner. The other is Aric Nunez. This 5'9", 150-pound junior halfback is a slashing ball carrier who compliments Miller nicely.

The fourth weapon is Jarrett Libel. "He's a force on both offense and defense," Vecchiarelli noted. Libel is a senior, 6'2" and 250 pounds. Miller and Nunez run many of their plays to his side of the offensive line. That offensive line, by the way, averages 220 pounds per man, so the Brownie defensive line, also sizable, will be matched up against some horses.

The Terrier defense is much like their offense. Vecchiarelli observed, "They'll show a 5-2, a 4-4, or a 6-2. Sometimes they come with an eight man rush.

SEE INVADE WEST SIDE - Page 50...

The 3 Pisanos - Joe, Dom, & Dom Always Pose Problems For West Side

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When Dom Pisano, Jr. steps on the field this Thanksgiving Day, he'll be continuing a proud tradition in Agawam High School football. For three generations, the Pisano family has been involved in the sport at Agawam: in a playing capacity, coaching capacity, and as loyal spectators. They could be called the first family of Agawam football.

The saga all started back in 1937, when Dom Jr.'s grandfather, Joe, first laced on his AHS cleats as a tough, fast 210-pound freshman halfback and went on to play four varsity seasons. Joe, now 72, still has the air of an athlete who knew he was good and proved it on the playing field. "It was a different game then," he said. "There was a lot less passing and the scores were lower." He noted that he ran behind big lines which led to more emphasis on the ground game. Also, the ball was a little less aerodynamic than it is today, which discouraged putting it up all that much.

"We ran a Notre Dame box formation on offense. We shifted around in the backfield several times before snapping the ball," Joe noted. That formation was perfect for a back with power and speed; two qualities Joe possessed. And he also noted that his coach back then, the venerable Harmon A. Smith (that's right, the man the Brownies' field is named after), knew how to use that formation to its fullest potential.

Joe lauded Smith for another aspect of the man's coaching talents. "I felt at the time that he was the best coach in the country. When he was being scored upon, he seemed to know just how to shut the other team down."

1940 Was A Glorious Season

The zenith of Joe's high school career came in 1940, when, after four outstanding varsity seasons, he was named the most valuable gridder in Western Massachusetts. Part of the reason he won the prestigious award, aside from his running ability, was the fact that he smashed the old Western Mass. scoring record of 97 points. In that glorious season, he scored 152 points.

To put that achievement in perspective, three of today's top Western Mass. scorers, all running backs: Holyoke's Cedric Washington, Central's Keshawn Dodds, and Agawam's Jason Votzak, have 130, 120, and 98 points, respectively. Granted, they all have another game to play. But remember, back when Joe was a star, they played

fewer games. He smiled when he thought about that award. "It was a big deal. They shut down the school for the day for the presentation ceremony," he remembered.

Interestingly enough, Joe's greatest memory of his playing days (other than the MVP award), isn't some great run for a score or a multiple touchdown game. "We played Norwich Free Academy. They were 10 point favorites. We beat them." Sounds like the words of a true team player.

The most important game of the season for any Brownie football player is the Thanksgiving Day game. In Joe's four seasons of football at Agawam, the Brownies beat West Springfield three of those years: 6-0, in 1937; 7-0 in 1939; and 27-0 in 1940. Their only blemish during that time came in 1938 when the Terriers squeaked out a 7-0 win. All Agawam players and coaches have a special memory of that game. For Joe, it was the fact that the 1940 game was played on a field that was a converted dog track and a muddy one to boot. The Brownies were the greyhounds that day with that 27-0 victory.

Joe impressed many colleges, but finally decided to head south to attend North Carolina State. NC State gave him a full ride, Joe smiled wryly, "and then some."

He remembers one memorable moment while playing for NC State. "In 1942, we came up to play Holy Cross. I'll bet half the Town of Agawam came down to Worcester to see me play. We were driving for a touchdown and had reached their five yard line. They gave me the ball on the next play. And I fumbled, killing the drive.

"As I was laying on the ground, I happened to look up into the stands, and who should I see, but Harmon Smith, shaking his head," Joe chuckled. "We lost the game." But you had the feeling that Joe Pisano was the type of player who was as tough in defeat as he was in victory.

After college, Joe played semi-pro ball here in Agawam. He was also on the verge of producing the next generation of the Pisano name to carry the football banner.

In 1958, son Domenick came along. And while little Dom was growing up, father Joe was a regular at the Brownie football games, cheering

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NUMBER 31 is the number of the Pisano family. It is currently being worn with pride by AHS junior fullback Dom Pisano, Jr.



THE THREE PISANOS - "Joltin" Joe Pisano, current AHS player Dom Pisano, Jr., and Dom's father, Dom Sr., who starred with the Brownies in the 1970's. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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"That strategy might be a little risky considering the fact that Agawam's sophomore quarterback, Mike Lauro, is a fine passer. If they don't rattle him with all that pressure, he might put up some big numbers through the air. 'Libel will have to be dealt with,' Vec said. 'He's a good pass rusher.'"

Agawam will continue to run out of its multiple T offense. As Vec noted, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." But he did hint that they might have some trick plays up their sleeve, put in just for this game.

The coach also mentioned that some of his linemen are coming into their own now, just in time for this most important of games, including senior guard Matt Christy, junior tackle Derek Parker, and junior tackle Dan Pellegrino, who's been filling in all along the offensive line.

The coach also had high praise for junior tackle Jason Degray, who's been filling in for the limping Jason Rossi. Matt Disco has also impressed him. The center is playing nose guard on defense and playing the position well. Both Perrys are playing well, too. And senior Brian Colby continues to be a fiery leader.

Common Opponents

The two teams have some common opponents. Both lost to Northampton and South Hadley. Both beat Amherst. The Brownies beat Holyoke. The Terriers lost to the Purple Knights.

Agawam is sporting its best record in years at 6-3 overall and 5-1 in the AA Conference. West Springfield is 3-5 and 3-3 in the Suburban League. That's quite a comedown from their 7-4 campaign of a year ago. There's also the pride factor working for West Side. They were last year's Super Bowl runner-up. They lost to Central in that one. They have a bone to pick with the Brownies, who've beaten them two years in a row now, including that shutout embarrassment last Thanksgiving Day. Also, they are well aware that Agawam leads the series, which started way back in 1924, 45-20-3.

But as anyone on either team or either side, coaches, trainers, fans, will tell you, the records all go out the window when they play this one. So, maybe analysis is not what's called for here. Vec agrees. "This game will be decided on emotion, pure and simple. That's the key," he says.

The buildup and anticipation for this game has been intense, as it is every year. I won't pick a score this time around. But I will say this. As everyone has pointed out to me, the team that wants it the most will walk off the field around noontime Thursday with that W in the left hand column and a turkey dinner waiting at home that will taste even better than usual.

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on the team he loved and perhaps hoping someday, young Dom would wear the brown and orange. Joe wasn't disappointed.

Dom remembers his first true experience in organized football. "It was in the 12 to 14 year-old division as a running back hopeful. My dad was my coach. He wasn't tough on me. Instead, he taught me. I learned a lot from him. He knew his football. You see, as a former great running back, he was able to teach me some of the skills he'd learned.

Dom thought for a moment. "He also taught me a very important aspect of sports. He taught me that in order to win, you have to hate to lose and you must never give up."

One Of Those Memorable Freshmen

Dom, under his father's watchful eye, was a member of the Brownies' memorable freshman team of 1974, which went unbeaten, untied, and unscored upon until they gave up 12 points in their final game of the year. "Playing for that team was a great memory for me," Dom admitted. The next year, he was called up to the varsity, where he played the same position his dad had played so many years before. Dom was smaller than his father, weighing in at 190 pounds. He wasn't the power runner Joe was.

"I had more moves than he did," Dom noted. Then he added something that all running backs, the great and not-so-great, realize. "Your offensive line is the key to your success. I remember Tony Mason, my pulling guard. So many times he'd lead me on my runs. And he usually ended the day with cleat marks on his heels because I always tucked in behind him and, being faster, usually ran up his back," Dom laughed. "In the locker room after the game, he'd make sure and show me those marks."

One of Dom's best memories occurred in his sophomore year in a game against Chicopee when he broke away for a 40 yard touchdown run.

Dom was good enough in 1976 to win the Clint Hobbs award as the outstanding senior running back on the team. It's a high honor for a kid closing out his football career at AHS.

Dom played in three Thanksgiving Day games. His greatest memory was the comeback the Brownies made in his senior year game. With time running out, they were trailing 14-12 and things



AGAWAM AND WEST SIDE football players trudge through the white stuff on a freezing Thanksgiving Day game at Harmon A. Smith Field during the famous "Snow Bowl." file photos

by Jack Devine.



were looking grim. Then they decided to try a field goal. Jerry Mason, brother of Dom's pulling guard, Tony, nailed it and Agawam went on to win 15-14.

Dom was on the winning side in two of those three turkey day games. Couple that with Joe's three-out-of-four wins, and you can see that with five wins out of seven in that classic contest, the turkey tasted very good to the Pisano family.

Dom didn't go to college after high school. Instead, he married his lovely wife, Susan, and started a career and a family. They also started the next generation of Pisanos to wear the Agawam colors. Dom Jr. showed up in 1977. In the cycle that is as old as fathers and sons and footsteps to follow, Dom Sr. cheered on the team he loved and hoped that someday, young Dom might embrace that same passion for the game he and Joe shared.

Love of football and being a running back was established deep in the Pisano's genes by now. Young Dom, a 210-pound junior fullback, was coached by Dom Sr. in the seventh and eighth grades, like Joe had coached him years ago. He was also taught the fine points of running the football by his dad. And he had the added advantage of his grandfather's expertise. He noted some of their collective advice. "Run hard and stay with the block."

Dom Jr. came to the varsity last year as a sophomore. His main duty as a fullback is to block for Jason Votakis. Under the watchful eyes of Dom Sr. and Joe, he accepted the challenge and he has excelled at it. When he gets the football, he shows power and determination.

Dom Jr. expressed it simply when asked about his family's football tradition. "We're well known in West Side," he smiled, obviously looking forward to the Thanksgiving Day game.

Of the game, he said, "It gives me a chill." We might also add that Dom Jr. is 1-0 on Thanksgiving Day against the Terriers. That makes it six wins in eight tries for the Pisano years. Oh, yes, that turkey must have tasted mighty good.

A Season To Remember

Dom calls this season a great one for him to file away in his memory banks. They have a stake in the AA Conference title for the first time in 28 years. They beat Cathedral for the first time in 13 years. And he's been a part of it. His Thanksgiving Day memory, obviously, is of last year, when they whipped West Springfield, 22-0. At the time, the Terriers were on their way to the Super Bowl.

Asked to name his greatest fans, he didn't hesitate. "My two grandfathers, my dad, grandmother, and mother." That other grandfather, by the way, is Joe Frogameni, on his mother's side. Joe wasn't a bad football player in his own right some years back at Springfield Tech.

As part of the family folklore, Dom Jr., Dom Sr., and Joe have one special thing in common - the number on the jersey. It's 31. It's a perfect running back's number.

Actually, after all is said and done, this story is still unfinished. Dom Jr. has another year with the Brownies. And after that, if he marries and starts a family of his own and has a son with a passion for the game, he may well be like his father and grandfather, a caretaker of a family tradition that has spanned generations of Agawam football.

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AHS-West Side Resumes Turkey Day

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Since 1924 (with one exception in 1952), Agawam and West Springfield have met in one of the longest and hardest fought Thanksgiving Day rivalries in Western Massachusetts high school football. It's THE game of the year, despite team records or whether any post-season play is involved. It's a season unto itself. The memories it leaves, good or bad, will last a lifetime.

The Agawam High football coaches, most of whom at one time or another played in the game, are no exception. They took some time out to reminisce about their experiences in the game of games. Head Coach **Dean Vecchiarelli**, who played for the Brownies in the late 1970's and graduated in 1979, has his share. But first he said in all seriousness, "There are no records when the two teams play this one. Nothing you've done during the season matters. Everything is focused on this game."

Vecchiarelli was a junior and an offensive lineman in the 1978 game. As usual, the game was a bitter, hard fought battle with Agawam getting the better of the action. His teammate, Gary Geiger, who is now his defensive coordinator (but a junior fullback then), made a block that sprung a Brownie back for a score.

Vec relates what happened next. "I got called for holding. And, of course, it negated the touchdown. Not only was the coach yelling at me, but so was my friend, Gary. That's how intense it got."

Luckily, the Brownies had too much firepower for the Terriers that year and went on to win, 42-6.

Infamous 'Snow Bowl'

In 1989, Vecchiarelli was an assistant coach with the Brownies. It was the year of the infamous 'Snow Bowl' as it came to be called. "There were six inches of snow on the ground at game time and it was still snowing," Vec laughed. "We scored to make it 6-6 and decided to go for the PAT. But no one could find the hash mark for the kick. So, remembering that Patriot's game where the conditions were similar and the guy came out in the little tractor and cleared off some good kicking ground, we called a timeout."

"West Side was caught off guard and could only watch as our guys got down of their knees and with their cold hands, frantically cleared away enough snow so we could have a decent try for the point," Vec remembered. The quick thinking strategy worked. Agawam made the kick to go up 7-6. But that snowy day at Harmon A. Smith Field was not to be theirs. The Terriers won it 12-7.

Defensive coordinator **Gary Geiger** had his moments to recall as well. His fine block enabling that TD (called back) in 1978 was one. He also recalled a play he had in the 1979 game. "I had a punt return going for a touchdown and then I got caught from behind after a nice 60-yard run."

Geiger has been the defensive coordinator for the past three years. His greatest memory during that time was the huge 22-0 win over Super Bowl bound West Side last year. "None of us wanted to leave the field after it was over," he said.

Somber Memories

Assistant freshman football Coach **Michael Birk**, who graduated from Agawam in 1990, has some somber memories. He was a guard for most of his career, but in the 1988 game, he got his first start on defense on nose guard. "I was having a great first half," he remembers. "Then I got a helmet to the knee and that was it for me. You wait so long for that game and you're gone by halftime," he added with obvious disappointment.

The Brownies fought to come within a point towards the end of the game, scoring a touchdown to make it 22-21, West Side. And the Brownies did the honorable thing; they went for the win. But the two point conversion failed and that's how the score stood. That bitter loss snapped a five year Thanksgiving Day winning streak against the Terriers.

In 1989, his senior year, Birk's fortunes sank even lower. "I'd been practicing hard all week before the game and I was ready," he sighed. As fate would have it, he didn't even play in this one. He explained the reason why.

"I had a broken knuckle and the break severed the tendon to the finger. The doctor wasn't sure just how much damage I'd done to the finger. But he was afraid if I played, the stress on the hand would cause the tendon to reseed all the way up my arm to the elbow where it was attached on the other end. That, the doctor said, could cause some real damage."

He paused, reflecting, "So, I sat that one out. To this day, I still remember how bad I felt about not being able to play."

That game, by the way, was the "Snow Bowl." Offensive line Coach **Eric Lunden**, on the other hand, has a grand memory of the 1983 contest. "It was my senior year and I was playing tackle on offense. We came into that game 0-9. West Side had won a few games and were favored. But we played our hearts out."

"I thought I had one of my best games ever. And I got the crucial block on the touchdown that made it 7-6 in our favor. They didn't score again and we went on to win 18-6," he said.

Eric is obviously very proud of that win. He has the tape of it and takes time out now and then to watch it, reliving that shining moment.

His first game as a varsity assistant coach was the "Snow Bowl." That's a game no one, on the field or in the stands that day, will ever forget.

John Benjamin, assistant junior varsity coach, remembers the 1988 game. He was an offensive and defensive tackle. He remembers how devastated he felt when they didn't get the two points for the win. He waited another long season for his final shot as a senior to get some measure of revenge. It was also made even more special for something the team did before the game.

Benjamin explains, "We put Mike's (Birk) number 67 and the number 79 of Matt Gibby on the backs of our helmets because both were injured and couldn't play." He shook his head. "We lost that one, too. It was a horrible feeling."

But he noted that last year's big win was special for him because his brother, Chris, blocked a punt that helped bring about that victory. It was some measure of atonement. "I might never have been in on beating West Side, but my brother was. So, I got my win through him," he said with a

smile.

Varsity linebacker coach **Curt Boyle**, who has been with the Brownies for three years, brings a different perspective to this most important of games. He played his high school football at Athol, a school with a rich gridiron history of its own. "On most teams, this one included, you get players with attitudes, who maybe don't want to give it 100 percent all the time. But once they step onto the field for this game, there are no more attitudes, there's no more bickering. Every one of them becomes totally committed to the job at hand, beating West Springfield."

Freshman football Coach **Kirk Parker**, who has spent 17 years involved in Agawam football, notes, "This game really does make or break your season. In 1991, we were 4-5 going in and West Side shut us out 18-0. We were crushed. The next year we went into that game with a 1-8 record. We won 14-7. We were ecstatic. On that day, our season was made."

Perhaps something Boyle said towards the end of the conversation sums it up best. "We have a fine bunch of seniors here. It seems only fitting that they should end their high school careers with a win over West Side."

Not one of the Brownie faithful would argue that point.

Personal Perspective On Sports...

Tradition: An Age-Old Sports Formula!

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In our lifetimes, we've seen the world of sports go through immense and monumental change. Some of it for the good. Some of it for the bad. *But one thing has never changed.*

Most of us can remember when athletes competed in gentler times. In those times, they didn't rush the mound if the ball got a little too close to the inside of the plate.

In those times, they didn't talk trash.

In those times, they didn't do stupid dances in the end zone or flip the bird to the fans in the stands. And the fans in the stands didn't have to dodge empty liquor bottles from the cheap seats or boorish sobs a few rows over. *But one thing has never changed.*

Used to be, the pitcher had a turn at the plate. Now, at least in the American League, that job is given to some big, strong hitter, who plays defense like the ball was a hand grenade rolling through a minefield. Used to be a basket was two points no matter where you launched the shot.

Once upon a time, pro football was played exclusively on Sunday, with maybe a few Saturdays thrown in. We all remember when both baseball and football were played outdoors, under God's own sky and on his own green grass. *But one thing has never changed.*

Once, athletes got strong and competed on the juice God gave them, not something they got out of a bottle or a syringe. Remember when an athlete's loyalty to a team overrode other considerations?

Remember when a team's loyalty to its athletes was equally honorable? There was also a time when high profile jock's personal lives were just about as private as your own. *But one thing has never changed.*

Used to be the term "salary arbitration" was only uttered when the auto or steel workers or the teamsters were threatening to go on strike. And stike was what they did if arbitration didn't work. Ten million dollar a year salaries used to be something we had difficulty associating with anybody.

Once, you could sit in the bleachers at Fenway for a buck. Remember when you could take your family down there for an afternoon of baseball without having to take out a loan? But, again, *one thing has never changed.*

One Constant

I suppose by now, some of you must be wondering what that one thing is? It's what this upcoming Thanksgiving day represents. No, it's not the turkey. It's a thing called "Tradition." In the purest of context, it's that traditional game. Throughout the vast panorama of sport, it is one constant.

Whether it's played only once a year, or several times, it's the keynote of a season. It's the fuel that fires fans and athletes on any level. Yes, even those jaded pros admit to its existence. Ever heard of Red Sox/Yankees, Celtics/Lakers, Patriots/Dolphins, Bruins/Canadiens, Harvard/Yale, Auburn/Alabama, USC/UCLA, Springfield College/AIC, and yes, even Agawam/West Springfield? There are thousands of other examples, of course.

Tradition exists on every level in every sport. It's something you look forward to. It's something that will salvage a season that has gone belly up. It's something that will top off a glorious campaign. If you do it more than once and prevail, it can give you confidence. It can turn your season around because you know you beat someone who was as revved up as you and playing at another, higher level.

Tradition in sports has deep roots. I suppose you can take it all the way back to ancient Greece and the Olympics. That tradition has overcome every negative and evil thing the world could throw at it.

So, for now at least, forget about artificial turf, designated hitters, three point stripes, salary caps, arbitration, strikes, \$10 million salaries, drugs, and just the general decay of society. Tradition, in the form of the traditional rivalries, is alive and well. On Thanksgiving Day, we have many good things to be thankful for. Tradition is one of them.

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AHS Cheerleaders Still Seek Status As Team Sport

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If you think there's something glamorous about being a cheerleader, take a closer look at the team leading Agawam High fans in cheering for the Brownies on the sidelines and at courtside.

Like all of the young women athletes at AHS, the cheerleaders wear no make-up, no jewelry, and put their hair up for safety's sake when performing.

Like other athletes, the girls have a rigorous schedule of afterschool practices to condition themselves to perform and to perfect their skills. And like other athletes, they follow Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) rules governing participation in high school athletics and they follow a schedule of competitions.

Still Considered A Sport

What they don't have in common with the other athletes at AHS is the recognition that comes with being considered a sport rather than a club. But Coach Kim Hebert will never give up trying to gain that recognition for her team.

"This is a sport," Miss Hebert told us. "The girls work hard and deserve to wear a varsity letter just as much as someone who kicks a ball, hits a ball, or dribbles a ball."

Even though MIAA hasn't recognized cheerleading as a sport, Miss Hebert said there is nothing to stop the high school from including cheerleading as a sport (as many schools already do).

Because the team is not considered a sport, the cheerleaders cannot get scheduled time for use of the school's gym and receive no funding from the School Department (beyond a stipend for Miss Hebert as a club advisor).

While the girls normally practice three days a week in the gym, sports teams have priority over the use of the gym. Cheerleaders have to find another place to practice whenever weather prevents sports teams from practicing outdoors or whenever a coach decides to hold an indoor practice.

With no money from the School Department for uniforms or supplies, the cheerleaders rely on car washes, candy sales, bottle and can redemption, and donations to raise funds.

"The people of Agawam have been very generous when the girls stand in front of stores asking for donations," Miss Hebert said. Recently, the team's coffers got a boost from an afternoon of collecting donations at Ames and Foodmart.

Unlike other sports, cheerleading requires year-round commitment as the "season" is continuous.

The Season Runs All Year

Each spring tryouts are held with four certified cheerleading judges choosing the 16-member team. Starting the first week of summer, the team begins a practice schedule that runs through the summer and into the fall.

The cheerleaders follow the football and basketball schedules before moving into their own competition season in the spring.

In August, the entire team is required to attend a four-day cheerleading camp along with their coach.

Miss Hebert said she insists on the camp because the girls learn unity, cooperation, and determination (while polishing their technical skills).

"When you live together in a cabin for four days, you learn to work together as a team," Miss Hebert said.

The AHS team won first place in the camp's team competition and in the sideline and cheer divisions.

Captains Tara Fiorini, Kara Murphy, and Rosi von Hollander head-up a team composed of four freshmen, three sophomores, four juniors, and five seniors.

In her second year as coach, Miss Hebert says she is more organized this year. As a result, the team has already shown more improvement across the board.

"You're only as good as your coach," Miss Hebert said. "I'm more organized and all the girls are willing to work with me."

We will be closed on Friday, November 25th for the weekend. Thanks.



MEMBERS OF THE 1994-95 Agawam High varsity cheerleaders. Back row, from left -Michelle Kowalewski, Kadie Barrington, Kristin Ferguson, Melissa Almquist, Stefanie Karam, Megan Kenney, Shannon Leah Zurlino, and Coach Kim Hebert. Front row - Ellen Bellerose, Tara Fiorini, Angie Laskowski, Kara Murphy, Rosi von Hollander, Maureen Briere, Kristine Grych, Meagan Langevin, and Kerri Lawrence. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



1994-95 AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity cheerleader captains, from left - Tara Fiorini, Kara Murphy, and Rosi von Hollander. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Sportsmen's Corner

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Heightening Hopes Of Hunters

A recent item in *Outdoor Life*, which states New Hampshire Fish and Game Department can issue extra deer tags, has heightened the hopes of hunters.

Fish and Game officials confirm that the New Hampshire legislature, during its 1994 season, did pass a bill giving them authority to issue additional deer tags to hunters who have already tagged one deer. However, they say that many hunters have misinterpreted the *Outdoor Life* story, as evidenced by the numerous calls the department has received asking if the tags are available this year.

No extra tags will be available in 1994, according to Steve Weber, deer project leader and supervisor of Fish and Game's Region 1 office in Lancaster. He explains that before the "bonus" deer tags may be issued, rules must be written and adopted which govern the location, method, and manner of taking any additional deer. Also, the fee and the procedure for issuing the special deer permit must be determined.

Weber says rule-making for the additional deer tag will be done in conjunction with establishing the rules for the 1995 deer seasons.

Since my column about Noel Brown and his problem, I have had several hunters ask me why Noel would post his land, since he has been a

hunter all his life and has hunted other people's property.

I have, in the past, hunted with Noel for about 35 years and we were very close. I know him like a brother and no fairer person can you find than Noel. Cool down, fellows, and let me give you a straight story about his posting his property on the mountain.

A few years back, Noel planted an orchard of young trees on the mountain along with grapes.

Deer started showing up to eat apples and grapes off the vines. Word got out that the deer were showing up in his orchard and he was asked by hunters if they could hunt his land. Noel gave them permission to hunt under certain regulations.

Noel said, "You can hunt, but I don't want you to shoot coyotes and foxes that are frequenting the orchard." Both animals are a fruit farmer's friend. They feed on mice. Mice can and will destroy a new orchard by feeding on the bark of trees. You can control them by using chemicals or by letting nature take its course with animals that are feeders of mice.

Noel used to see the coyotes and foxes in the mornings in the orchard and the animals ignored him as if they knew that Noel was not going to harm them. During the summer, he would observe a family of foxes roaming the orchard during different times of the day.

You guessed it! That fall, a hunter shot a coyote above the orchard and bragged about it in a gin mill in town and the word got back to Noel. Not too much later, Noel found a dead fox that had been shot by a hunter. That made him furious and sick to his stomach about the little respect the hunters showed him by disregarding his wishes when he gave them permission to hunt his property. He posted the property. Do you blame him? I don't. He still lets a few people hunt that are serious hunters and this way, he knows who is on the property.

It is cases like I just described that are causing towns to be posted by permission only in the Berkshires. We seem to have a generation of people that have no regard for the other person and his property. For years, members of the Agawam Bowmen Club have picked up rubbish left by slob hunters on hunting grounds they were working.

A good number of bowhunters who were members of the Agawam Bowmen Club hunted Vermont every year. I remember one incident that put a few Vermont landowners in the club member's corner.

I had a very good friend for 40 years and he passed on four years ago from cancer. Leon Pease, a 300-hundred pound, good-natured, all-muscled person that was liked by all that knew him.

One year, we were hunting up in Vermont and Leon and six of us stamped in to a general store at noontime for sandwiches and coffee. Leon was the first one in the store when the property owner blurted out, "Here are the Massachusetts hunters that are dirtying up our beautiful forest."

Leon's face got very red and he walked up to the owner of the store and asked, "What did you just say?" The owner jauntily repeated his remark. The store had four or five natives in at the time and they snickered quite loudly. Leon turned to us and roared, "Fellows, come up here and empty your packs and pockets on this counter where he is standing."

We filled up and dumped rubbish of every description on the red-faced store owner's counter. Leon bent over to him and roared again, "Here are the slob hunters from Massachusetts showing you the results of finishing up hunting this morning in the Vermont woods, cleaning up the area probably littered by your native hunters."

There was complete silence, then one of the occupants started clapping. Another stated, "They can hunt my land anytime." The store owner's wife came in from the back. "You and your big mouth, Dad. I apologize, Leon, to all you fellows. Drinks are on me."

Riverside Establishes Firemen's Fundraiser

Riverside Park Speedway's Race Director, Ben Dodge, Jr., has again established a unique program that will support the local community in an effort to raise money in a fundraiser fashion.

Fact is, any fire department (volunteer or full-time) in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New York, or New Jersey is eligible to have a team. These teams will compete in a giant six- to 20-car team in a special "Firemen's Fundraiser Team Demo-Derby."

The best news is this is a great way for the teams to win \$500 which can be used by the winning fire department for whatever cause they choose. The money may be used to purchase a new truck, ambulance, building fund, jaws of life, or go to the cause of your choice.

There is no special entry; it costs nothing for the town and its fire department to enter. Each fire department must have the chief or person in charge send a letter of commitment listing the car number and the drivers of each car. Also list the address of the fire station office, phone number, and contact; and, most important, the date of the event your team wishes to attend.

These events will run only on the following Sundays during the 1995 season: May 28th, June 11th, July 2nd, July 22nd, and August 26th. Send your entry to: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn: Ben Dodge), "Firemen's Fundraisers."

Remember, this is a chance to raise \$3,000 if you win all six events. (Note: all contestants will have to buy a pit/insurance pass on race day for \$15.)

The rules are simple. Each team supplies its own cars for the Team Demo. They must be painted all alike as a team.

Each car should have the fire department company painted in big, bold letters down both sides, as well as the name on the hood and the town and state. Giant numbers should be on the roof and trunk, and use single-digit numbers only.

Any full-size, two- or four-door car or wagon can be used. Remove all glass except for the windshield. Bolt or weld all doors. Do not remove the battery or gas tank; however, remove all chrome lights, etc. Put only five gallons of gas in the tank for the competition. Each driver must have a seatbelt and shoulder harness, as well as a helmet with goggles.

The event consists of teams with the last car running representing the winning team. This is a full-insured event. The speedway has a contracted salvage company that removes and takes all cars after the event is over. Anyone 16 years of age or older is welcome to participate. Insurance pit passes are just \$15 on race day.

Raise money for your community; enter and make it a team effort. Your town will be even prouder of its firemen, who can raise \$500 per event. These team race events are run with regular shows like Dem-Duros, Enduros, and holiday specials.

1994 Agawam Youth Cheerleaders



THE AGAWAM YOUTH CHEERLEADING PROGRAM is ending its sixth season. The girls tryout in early April with practice beginning in August. Their practice gets them ready for the fall football season which consists of eight to 10 games. The girls work very hard to perform their stunts and halftime dance. On November 19th the cheerleaders attended an exhibition at Westfield High School. The season ended with a banquet on November 21st. The graduating eighth grade cheerleaders include Michelle Beaudette, Alison Moran, Alanna Murphy, Kristen Parker, Kristin Pisano, and the four captains - Ella Atkins, Tara Fleming, Jill Rouvellat, and Nicole Yvon. The seventh grade cheerleaders are Karen Hadden, Kelly Heiden, Lauren Piccin, Kim Sullivan, Sara Vincent, and Caitlin Weisberger.

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Riverside Speedway Holds Awards Banquets To Celebrate Great 1994 Season

Riverside Park Speedway has completed its most successful season ever in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series. A record attendance of 158,193 and a point fund exceeding \$61,880.68 are a credit to everyone who has supported the successful Agawam quarter-mile facility.

It is appropriate that Ben Dodge, Jr., Promoter/Director of Riverside Park Speedway, closed the 1994 season with two premiere NASCAR Winston Racing Series Banquets which hosted 1,600 competitors, friends, and media associates.

The two banquets had been sold-out for weeks, as five premiere divisions shared in \$61,880.68 worth of point fund checks. Not only is this believed to be one of the highest weekly race track point funds in NASCAR, but Riverside's banquets are the largest attended for any short track in the country. Both banquets were held in the Grand Ballroom of the stately Oaks' banquet facility in Agawam, MA.

Friday night's banquet on November 18th saluted the following NASCAR Winston Racing Series champions: **Gary Fioramanti**, Late Models; **George Savary**, Pro 4 Modifieds; and **Rob Valerio**, Strictly Stocks. On Saturday, November 19th, **Chris Kopec** was crowned the Winston Racing Series Modified four-type champion, and **Dave Caruso** was honored as the two-time, back-to-back champion of the Pro Stock division.

On Friday night, Late Model champion Gary Fioramanti received championship trophies and a check for \$2,186.20. Strictly Stock champion Rob Valerio received \$900 plus awards, and George Savary received \$750 for his efforts as the Pro 4 Modified champ.

The top 10 owners and drivers received awards, with the top 15 in all divisions receiving point fund checks. Riverside's Late Models shared \$12,383.55 in point money; Strictly Stocks, \$3,375; and Pro 4 Modifieds, \$2,135.

The top 15 Late Models were Gary Fioramanti, \$2,186.20; Gee Perry, \$1,993.10; Chuck Docherty, \$1,288.79; Glenn Griswold, \$1,255.48; and Ted Chalmers, \$1,030.17. Sixth through 10th was Fred LaForge, \$1,050.86; Marty Leary, \$691.55; Joe Czarnecki, \$557.24; Rick Hartenstein, \$437.58; and Gene McClain, \$317.93. Eleventh through 15th were Rocco Mazziotto, \$309.09; Paul DiPisa, \$357.06; Steve Fifield, \$304.13; Brian Merchang, \$301.20; and Wayne Coury, \$298.27.

The Modified "Rookies of the Year" were Rick Hartenstein and Steve Fifield. The "Most Improved" were Gene McClain and Glenn Griswold. Fred LaForge won the "Professionalism" award in this division, and other Modified honorees are as follows: Steve Fifield and Gary Fioramanti, "Best Appearing"; Matt Bushior, "Hard Luck"; and Chuck Docherty was "Most Popular."

Rob Valerio won his second Strictly Stock title to share in a \$3,375 point fund; Valerio received \$900 for the Strictly title. Second through 15th received point money. Second was Roger Fujimoto, \$475; third, Chuck Alessio, \$300; fourth, Scott Neleber, \$270; and fifth, Vinny Buonocore, \$210. Sixth through 10th was Al Leone, \$150; Herb Carlon, \$130; Todd Owen, \$105; Joe Arena, \$105; and Roy Houle, \$220. Eleventh through 15th shared in point money of \$700.

The Strictly Stock's outstanding "Rookies" for 1994 were Jay Miller and Vinny Buonocore; "Most Improved," Scott Neleber; "Professionalism," Rob Valerio and Scott Neleber; "Best Appearing," Roger Fujimoto; "Hard Luck," Jon Waterhouse; and "Most Popular," Chuck Alessio and Herb Carlon.

George Savary won the Pro 4 Modified title to receive \$750, followed by second-place Jerry Solomito, \$390; third, Renee Dupuis, \$250; fourth, Ken Hirt, \$130; and fifth, Mike Petrizzo, \$95. Sixth through 10th went to Paul Lamonica, Joe LeMay, Mike Casey, Ron Dell, and George Ruff.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of JOSEPH VALENTI, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 (B) (2) of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of a building into a restaurant at the premises identified at 1 COOPER STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

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The special awards in this division went to Tom Topping, the Pro 4 Modifieds' "Rookie of the Year"; George Savary, "Best Appearing"; Paul Lamonica, "Hard Luck"; and Renee Dupuis, "Most Popular."

On Saturday, November 19th, it was time to crown the NASCAR Winston Racing Series champion, Chris Kopec. For winning the title, he received in excess of \$7,767.80. Second was Dan Avery, \$4,483.90; third, Steve Park, \$3,035.51; fourth, Reggie Ruggiero, \$2,487.12; and fifth, Brian Schofield, \$2,038.73.

Earning the sixth- through 10th-place spots in this division were Stan Greger, \$1,440.34; Richard Savary, \$1,341.95; Doug Meservey, \$873.56; Ed Spiers, \$819.36; and Bobby Gee, \$745.17. Eleventh through 15th went to Tom Jensen, \$685.33; Dave Berube, \$625.49; Jim Houghton, \$615.65; Bruce D'Alessandro, \$605.81; and Brian Miller, \$595.97. The top 15 totalled \$28,161.65 plus awards and trophies.

Special Modified awards went to "Rookies of the Year" Tom Jensen and Doug Meservey; "Most Improved," Brian Schofield; "Professionalism," Chris Kopec; "Best Appearing," Doug Meservey; "Hard Luck," Eric LeClair; and "Most Popular," Chris Kopec.

It was another back-to-back title for Dave Caruso, who shared in the Pro Stock point fund of \$15,825.44. Caruso earned \$3,204.60 for his second Pro Stock title over Tom Carey, \$1,902.30; John Lobo, \$1,957.07; Tom Fearn, \$1,511.84; and Barry Gray, \$1,616.61.

Sixth through 10th in the Pro Stocks went to Eddie Carroll, \$1,271.38; Bill Lauridsen, \$826.15; Jeff Horn, \$680.92; Scott Bouley, \$558.30; and Ed Carroll, \$435.69. Eleventh through 15th shared in point money, with 15th paying \$363.07.

Special Pro Stock awards included outstanding "Rookies" Sumner Chapman and Barry Gray; "Most Improved," Scott Bouley; "Professionalism," Tom Carey; "Best Appearing," Ed Carroll and Joe Barnes; "Hard Luck," Joe Barnes; and "Most Popular," Scott Bouley.

The NAPA Auto Parts Champions were Dan Avery, Dave Caruso, Gee Perry, and Rob Valerio. Snap-On-Tools Champions were Dan Avery, Barry Gray, Gee Perry, and Rob Valerio.

Other special awards included the "Sue Dugan Award" to Deb Rowley; the "Gene Murphy Memorial" to Ted Chalmers; and the "Rollie Jacobs Class Act Award" to Donald "Mickey" Spiers.

Speedway awards were given to track officials, as special media awards were given to Roy Hasty, Gene O'Donnell, Matt Buckler, Lou Twining, Ron Mentus, Sonny Richards, Bruce Boucher, and Charlie Mitchell.

The evening ended with Ben Dodge announcing several new sponsorship programs. A new brochure was released, as well as the schedule for Riverside's 1995 season (which begins on Saturday, March 25, 1995.)

Riverside Speedway Ready To Release Its 1995 Racing Schedule

Once again, the management team of Ben Dodge, Jr., and Riverside Park Speedway are wasting no time at all to get the jump on the competition for the 1995 NASCAR Winston Racing Series. The successful quarter-mile facility broke an all-time attendance record in 1994 with 153,193 "paid adults," and a weekly track point fund for five divisions of \$61,880.68.

With no time to waste, Riverside Park Speedway—just three weeks after its 1994 season closed—already has its 1995 schedule of events and programs locked in and ready to go for the first event on Saturday, March 25th.

Riverside's 1995 NASCAR Winston Racing Series Schedule consists of 37 events of racing at the quarter-mile track in Agawam, MA. The headline division will be one of five; the NASCAR Tour Type Modifieds will receive Winston Regional points, in addition to Riverside's own Pro Stocks, Late Models, Strictly Stocks, and Pro Four Modifieds.

Sunday special events will include the Marathon Madness Endurance events; these races feature a full-size, amateur Enduro (figure eight style), a four-cylinder Enduro, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Legend cars, Pro Four Modifieds, half-ton truck races, amateur 4x4 Monster Car Crashing, plus the Demolition Derby.

Besides all this, Riverside will host a mid-week NASCAR Modified Tour special and a Busch Grand National event. Other specials include the Midgets, TQ Midgets, antique racers, and several other surprises to be announced.

Riverside Speedway is one of NASCAR's most successful short tracks and features many creative concepts in its presentation of Saturday night races. It is one of the only tracks in the country to offer a promoter's guarantee to get its race program over by no later than 10:15 p.m.

Besides this, the track is located in New England's largest amusement park, which offers over 100 rides and attractions at one low speedway admission. NASCAR auto racing events are family-priced at \$10.99 for adults, and \$2.99 (at all times!) for children 12 years of age and under; both of these admission prices include a walk through the amusement park.

Meanwhile, the adult admission for special five-division events range from \$12.99 to \$14.99, and the Modified Tour and Busch Grand National events are priced at \$22.99 for adults.

The speedway management is offering a free special color collector's "Hero Type Schedule Card" as a salute to the champions. And that's not all—the 1995, brand-new information brochure (in color) is also available.

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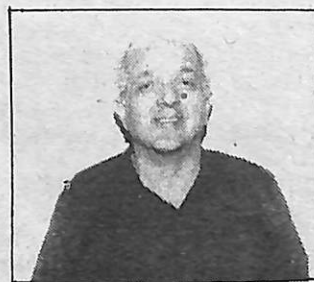
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Riverside To Offer Variety For Its 1995 Racing Events

On March 25, 1995, Riverside Park Speedway will begin another season of premiere NASCAR Winston racing. The Budweiser "Big Chill" event is just the beginning of a 37-event season of motorsports.

In its 46th year, "The Park" still maintains its status as one of NASCAR's premiere short tracks, attracting over 158,000 fans in 1994. Variety is the key to the Riverside Speedway success story, as well as value and first-class motorsports entertainment.

Every Saturday from March 25th at 6:00 p.m. until Labor Day and the fall series, thousands of fans from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and New Jersey will visit Riverside Park Speedway. For a short, quarter-mile asphalt facility, the variety of race divisions is impressive.

Fact is, Riverside Park Speedway is one of the last weekly short tracks to feature premiere NASCAR tour racing on a weekly basis. The division now known as the Modified tour was the original Modified division, the oldest division in NASCAR. For the race fans, this means only one thing—it might not happen all the time, but it often has some great visitors which include Reggie Ruggiero, Rick Fuller, Satch Worley, Tom Baldwin, and many more. The weekly Modified tour favorites are just as impressive with Dan Avery, Marty Radewick, Bobby Gee, Chris Kopeck, and Bruce Dell.

Still, "variety" is the key to all of this. Besides the weekly Modified tour, Riverside features full-bodied, ASA all-pro styled Pro Stocks. These sleek, scaled-down Grand Prix, Buick G.N., and Olds Cutlass vehicles are very popular with the younger race fans. Drivers like Ed Carroll, Tom Fearn, Mark Forino, and Dave Caruso are among the headliners.

Riverside's third division is 60 cars strong with a full-bodied, advanced Late Model program. These popular, mid-sized cars will include Malibus, Olds Cutlass, Buick Regals, and Pontiac Grand Prix. This is one of the most competitive and exciting divisions at Riverside. Many a competitor has come from this division; Gee Perry is a prime example, along with Gary Fioramanti, Chuck Docherty, Glenn Griswold, and Marty Leary.

Pro Four Modifieds also call Riverside their home for 10 limited special events. The Pro Four Modified division is 1,500 pounds of four-cylinder, open-wheel Modifieds. It features top young drivers like Ken Hirt, Renee Dupuis, Ron Dell, and George Savary.

One of the most popular divisions is the Strictly Stock division. This is a full-bodied amateur division that is very popular with over 75 cars. The rules are simple and designed for amateur racing.

Furthermore, the 1994 season at Riverside will also see competition in the Sunday Super Stock and Mini Stock divisions.

Speaking of Sunday events, the speedway will feature popular, full-size Enduro racing on several dates. For a free color schedule of the 1995 season, as well as rules and regulations, write to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn: Mary).

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This new color concept has information on everything from the event schedule and prices to sponsor information, a map, and much more. This beautiful color schedule offers the fans and competitors a great deal of information. A color collector's race poster is also available featuring the championship photo.

All of these three items are available for free by writing to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn: Mary). Please request which item you wish to have sent: the color schedule, color brochure, or color poster. If you request all three items, please include 58¢ postage stamps.

If you'd rather order these items over the telephone, call (413) 786-9300, extension 3264 (Mary).

Remember, racing resumes at Riverside on March 25, 1995.

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1994 TOP GUNS AT RIVERSIDE PARK, from left - Rob Valerio, Stictly Stock; Gary Fioramanti, Late Models; Dave Caruso, Pro Stocks; Chris Kopeck, Modifieds; and George Savary, Pro 4 Modifieds.

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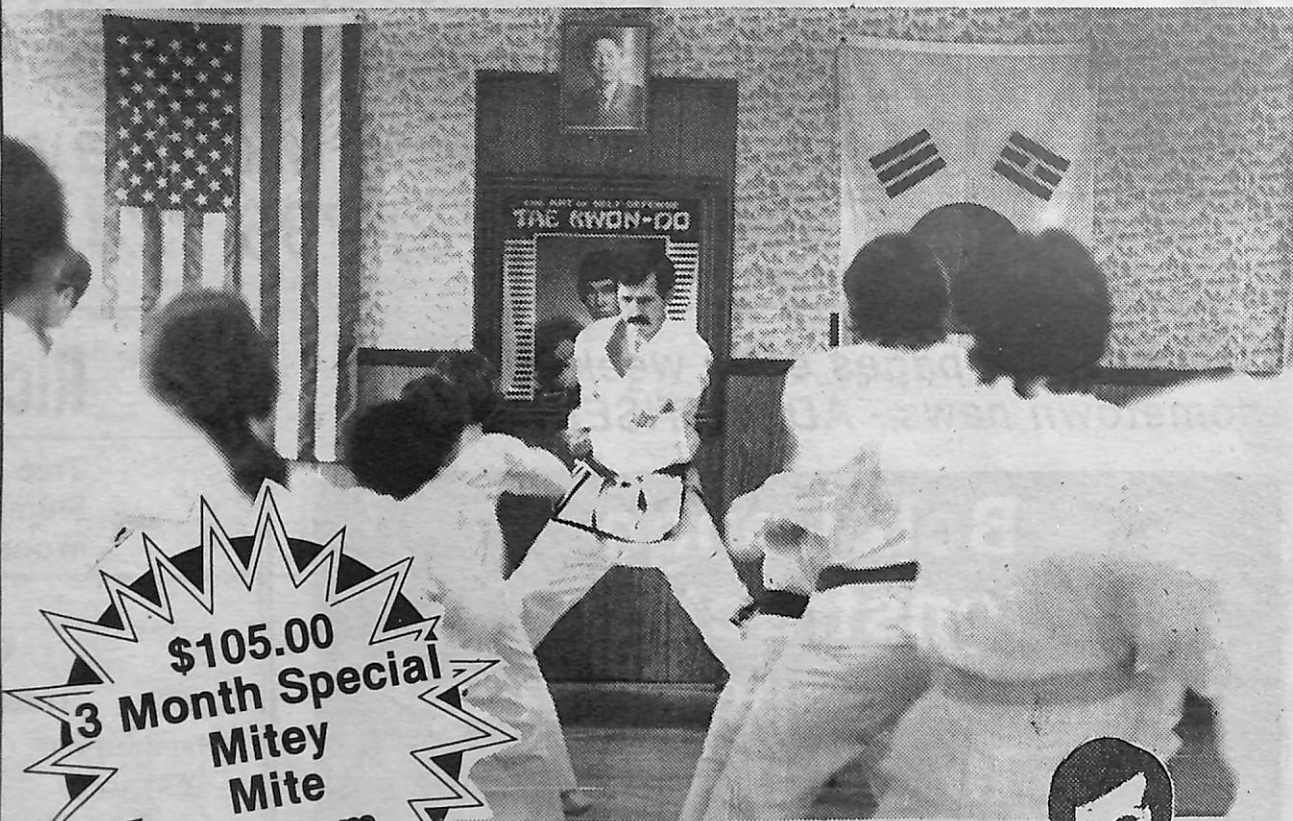
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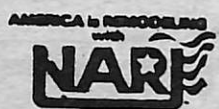
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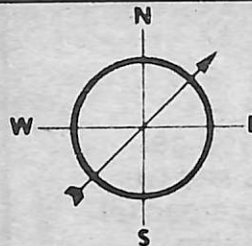
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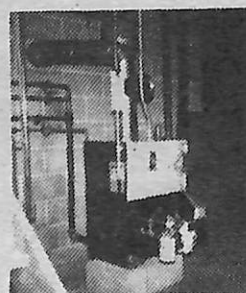
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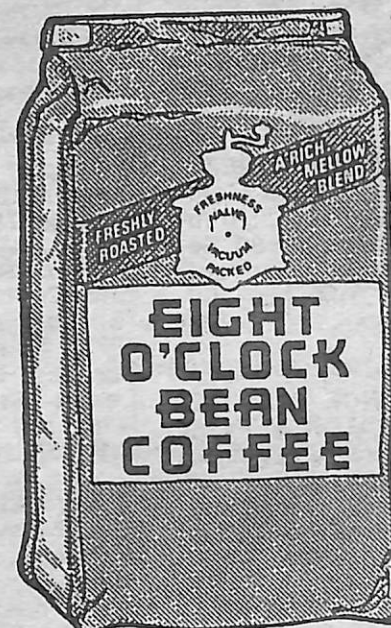
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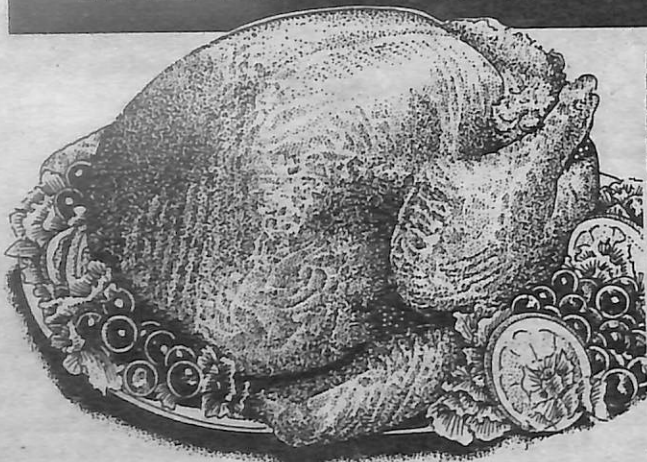
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